

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of the

TOWN OF MENDON

including the report of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

for the

MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1952

286th ANNUAL REPORT

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## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Asa Vear	Joseph W. McEwen
Fred L. Kempton	Albert S. Coleman, Clerk

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Franklin E. Goodnow	Roy A. Barrows	Lee P. McFarland
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## PARK COMMISSIONERS

Norry J. Daige	George A. Johnson	Fred Phipps
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Chief of Police .....	Harold C. Barrows
Constable .....	Harold C. Barrows
Tree Warden .....	William E. Nuttall
Town Solicitor .....	Shelly D. Vincent
Dog Officer .....	Raymond A. Miller
Wiring Inspector .....	Walter J. Channing
Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	Raymond A. Miller
Superintendent of Schools .....	Percy Rowe
Fire Chief and Forest Warden .....	Harold F. Lowell
Superintendent of Streets .....	William R. Bowen
Burial Agent .....	Norry J. Daige

Inspector of Slaughtering .....	William Seibert
Inspector of Animals .....	Roy Barrows
Town Accountant .....	Helen F. Irons

#### WATER COMMISSIONERS

Franklin Goodnow	Everett Watson	Donato Leone
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#### SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND BARK

Arthur V. Pond

#### FIELD DRIVERS

Alex Woleck	Edward Goss	W. Arthur Robinson
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#### VETERANS' AGENTS

Harold Metcalf	Ernest P. Wood
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## FINANCIAL REPORTS

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### MODERATOR—SALARY

Appropriation .....	\$25 00
Expended:	
Roy A. Barrows .....	\$25 00

### SELECTMEN—SALARIES

Appropriation .....	\$550 00
Expended:	
Harold Metcalf .....	\$166 67
John L. Lundvall .....	233 33
Ernest P. Wood .....	150 00
Total expended .....	\$550 00

### SELECTMEN—EXPENSES

Appropriation .....	\$150 00
Expended:	
Postage .....	\$21 00
Lock Box .....	3 00
Cahill's Supplies .....	7 04
Advertising .....	29 13
Delivering Town Reports .....	20 00
Dues to State Asso. ....	15 00
Dues County Association .....	6 00
Expenses to State	
and County Meetings ..	23 00
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.,	
forms .....	15 46



Forbes Press, printing ....	8 00	
Total expended .....		\$147 63
Unexpended .....	2 37	
		<hr/> \$150 00

## TREASURER—SALARY

Appropriation .....		\$700 00
Expended:		
Charles F. Leonard .....		\$700 00

## TREASURER—EXPENSE

Appropriation .....	\$150 00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	67 70	
		<hr/> \$217 70

## Expended:

A. Neally, safe repairs ....	\$25 00	
Postage and stationery ....	76 40	
Forms, Hobbs & Warren	9 24	
Dues to State Asso. ....	2 00	
Check books .....	20 31	
Certification of Notes ....	2 00	
Forbes Press, printing ....	8 50	
Preparing Schedule A ....	15 00	
Office supplies .....	11 00	
Transportation .....	10 00	
Karl Bright, bond and insurance .....	38 25	
Total expended .....		<hr/> \$217 70

## TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE

Appropriation .....		\$50 00
Expended:		
Hobbs & Warren Inc., forms .....	\$ 8 28	
Unexpended: .....	41 72	
		<hr/> \$50 00

## TOWN ACCOUNTANT—SALARY

Appropriation .....	\$400 00
Expended:	
Helen F. Irons .....	\$400 00

## TOWN ACCOUNTANT—EXPENSE

Appropriation .....	\$50 00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	28 65	
	<hr/>	\$78 65
Expended:		
Mass. Division of Accounts		
forms .....	\$53 65	
Cahill's News Agy., supplies	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$78 65

## TOWN CLERK—SALARY

Appropriation .....	\$200 00
Expended:	
Albert S. Coleman .....	\$200 00

## TOWN CLERK —EXPENSE

Appropriation .....	\$500 00
Expended:	
Hobbs & Warren	
forms .....	\$2 20
Toll calls .....	4 45
Printing .....	63 76
Recording Fees .....	83 00
Advertising .....	4 00
Postage .....	3 87
Dues & expenses, Town Clerks'	
Meetings .....	66 25
Adjusting & swearing to	
papers .....	10 00

Miscellaneous expenses ..	28 71	
Total expended .....	—————	\$266 24
Unexpended .....		233 76
	—————	\$500 00

## TAX COLLECTOR—SALARY

Appropriation .....		\$925 00
Expended:		
Arthur P. Dalton, Collector .....		\$925 00

## TAX COLLECTOR—EXPENSE

Appropriation .....		\$225 00
Expended:		
Karl Bright, insurance ....	\$32 00	
Use of car .....	10 00	
Stationery and printing ..	65 13	
Postage .....	80 00	
Deputy Collector's Bond..	5 00	
Dues to State Asso. ....	2 00	
Advertising .....	15 40	
Office supplies .....	13 48	
Total expended .....	—————	\$223 01
Unexpended .....		1 99
	—————	\$225 00

## ASSESSORS—SALARIES

Appropriation .....		\$700 00
Expended:		
Donald B. Lowell .....	\$200 00	
D. Kinsley Barnes .....	200 00	
Carl M. Taft .....	200 00	
Charles F. Leonard .....	100 00	
Total expended .....	—————	\$700 00

## ASSESSORS—EXPENSES

Appropriation .....		\$300 00
Expended:		
Postage .....	\$5 00	
Deed Abstracts .....	146 72	
Hobbs & Warren, forms .....	22 69	
Dues to State & County Asso. ....	9 00	
D. K. Barnes, use of car	10 00	
Miscellaneous supplies ....	13 70	
Total expended .....	\$207 11	
Unexpended .....	92 89	
		\$300 00

## ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Appropriation .....	\$900 00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund.....	46 07	
Total .....		\$946 07
Expended:		
Election payrolls .....	\$293 09	
Listing .....	130 48	
Printing .....	243 75	
Milford Daily News, Advt. ....	82 15	
Registrars' Salaries .....	150 00	
Ballot cases .....	20 11	
Repairs to Voting booths	8 73	
Miscellaneous supplies ....	17 76	
Total expended .....	\$946 07	

## TOWN COUNSEL—SALARY

Appropriation .....	\$100 00
Expended:	
Shelley D. Vincent .....	\$100 00

## TOWN COUNSEL—EXPENSE

Appropriation .....	\$75 00
Expended:	
Shelley D. Vincent .....	\$75 00

## CLERICAL HIRE FOR TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation .....	\$300 00
Expended:	
Helen F. Irons .....	300 00

## TOWN OFFICERS' BONDS

Appropriation .....	\$201 00
Expended:	
Karl A. Bright .....	\$201 00

## TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Appropriation .....	\$800 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	86 30
Total .....	\$886 30
Expended:	
Frank Barsanti, repairs....	\$132 00
Raymond Dudley,	
Janitor service .....	480 00
Janitor's supplies .....	131 45
C. L. Goss, repairs .....	114 80
Bottled gas.....	28 05
Total expended .....	\$886 30

## RECORD ROOM MAINTENANCE

Appropriation .....	\$380 00
Expended:	
Carrie Marlow, janitor....	\$50 00
Fuel .....	114 02

Lights .....	13 20	
Telephone .....	129 43	
Shoveling paths.....	3 00	
Cleaning typewriter .....	12 00	
Cleaning oil burner .....	6 00	
Chimney repairs .....	33 54	
Miscellaneous supplies ....	2 50	
Total expended .....	363 69	
Unexpended .....	16 31	
		\$380 00

## HEAT AND LIGHTS

## TOWN HALL, FIRE STATION, AND HIGHWAY BARN

Appropriation .....	\$2,000 00	
Transferred from O.A.A. Account .....	450 00	
Total .....	\$2,450 00	
Expended:		
Worc. Co. Elec. Co. ....	\$ 224 16	
H.J. Shaughnessy Oil Co. ....	1,871 68	
Boiler inspection .....	5 00	
Frank Barsanti, repairs....	348 75	
Total expended .....	\$2,449 59	
Unexpended .....	41	
		\$2,450 00

## CONSTABLE—SALARY

Appropriation .....	\$25 00
Expended:	
Harold C. Barrows .....	\$25 00

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation .....	\$2,000 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	600 00
Total .....	\$2,600 00

## Expended:

Repairs .....	\$75 40
Officers pay rolls .....	1,942 58
Telephone .....	102 12
Mileage .....	306 90
Accident photos .....	10 00
Printing and supplies .....	55 02
Badges & handcuffs .....	82 20
Bicycle plates .....	6 34
Advertising .....	5 40
Total expended .....	\$2,585 96
Unexpended .....	14 04
	<hr/> \$2,600 00

## NEW POLICE ROOM

Appropriation .....	\$600 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	200 00
Total .....	<hr/> \$800 00

## Expended:

Lumber and material ....	\$252 15
M. M. Goodnow,	
plumbing .....	70 44
Lester Hill, wiring .....	40 00
Paint and supplies .....	94 16
Furnishings and	
equipment .....	302 06
Miscellaneous expenses....	21 95
Total expended .....	\$780 76
Unexpended .....	19 24
	<hr/> \$800 00

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation .....		\$1,685 00
Expended:		
Pay rolls .....	\$954 50	
Carrie Marlow,		
test blowing .....	50 00	
Repairs to apparatus .....	154 40	
Worc. Co. Elec. Co. ....	33 00	
Gasoline, oil etc. ....	78 68	
Maintenance of building	82 74	
Farrar Co., equipment ....	92 55	
Niro & Niro, repairs .....	65 22	
Telephone .....	170 46	
Total expended .....	—————	\$1,681 55
Unexpended .....		3 45
		————— \$1,685 00

## FOREST FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation .....		\$500 00
Expended:		
Forest Warden .....	\$25 00	
Farrar & Co., equipment	314 50	
Pay rolls .....	158 00	
Total expended .....		\$497 50
Unexpended .....		2 50
		————— \$500 00

## HYDRANT RENTAL

Appropriation .....		\$550 00
Expended:		
Town of Mendon,		
11 hydrants .....		\$550 00



## DOG OFFICER

Appropriation .....	\$75 00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	16 50	
Total .....		\$91.50

## Expended:

Raymond Miller, boarding and destroying dogs .....	76 50	
Raymond Miller, salary .....	10 00	
Raymond Miller, use of car .....	5 00	
Total expended .....		\$91 50

## CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Balance on hand January 1, 1952 .....		\$135 64
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## Expended:

Fire Prevention Guides....	\$15 00	
Expenses for		
Blood Typing Unit ....	16 69	
Herbert Round, expenses to Civil Defense conference .....	40 00	
Total expended .....	\$71 69	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1952 .....	63 95	
		\$135 64

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Appropriation .....	\$45 00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	3 75	
Total .....		\$48 75

## Expended:

Hobbs & Warren, supplies .....	\$3 75	
Raymond A. Miller, salary and use of car .....	45 00	
		\$48 75

## WIRING INSPECTOR—SALARY

Appropriation .....	\$50 00
Expended:	
Walter J. Channing, salary .....	\$50 00

## BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation .....	\$1,700 00
Expended:	
District Nursing Assn. ....	\$75 00
A. Woleck, rent and labor on Town Dump .....	505 35
Soda Water permit .....	10 00
No. Reading State Sanitorium, treatment one case .....	364 00
Pondville Hospital, one case .....	180 00
Henry Poirier, labor on Town Dump	120 00
Hobbs & Warren, forms	3 92
M. M. Goodnow, repairs Town Pump ....	38 95
Total expended .....	\$1,297 22
Unexpended .....	402 78
	————— \$1,700 00

## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Appropriation .....	\$150 00
Expended:	
Roy A. Barrows .....	\$150 00

## INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Appropriation .....	\$25 00
Expended:	
Willard Seibert .....	\$25 00

## TREE WARDEN

Appropriation .....	\$500 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	75 00
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Total .....	\$575 00
Expended:	
William Nuttall, salary .....	\$ 12 00
William Nuttall, labor .....	180 00
George Blanchard, labor .....	193 00
Theodore Brothers, labor .....	118 00
Earl Arnold, power saw .....	72 00
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Total expended .....	\$575 00

## ELM BEETLE SUPPRESSION.

Appropriation .....	\$500 00
Expended:	
P. A. Millis, spraying .....	\$472 00
William Nuttall, salary & labor .....	28 00
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Total expended .....	\$500 00

## MOTH SUPPRESSION

Appropriation .....	\$200 00
Expended:	
William Nuttall, salary & labor .....	\$ 12 00

P. A. Millis, spraying .....	188 00
Total expended .....	\$200 00

### WORCESTER COUNTY HOSPITAL

Appropriation .....	\$3,843 88
Expended:	
Worcester County Treasurer .....	\$3,843 00

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

#### General Repairs

Appropriation .....	\$1,700 00
Expended:	
Labor .....	\$906 38
Town Equipment .....	38 00
Telephone .....	147 48
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., Gravel .....	75 94
Henry J. Poirier, gravel .....	5 00
Seaver's Express .....	2 86
Leonard Jaques & Son, supplies .....	63 27
H. A. Daniels Co., insurance .....	5 42
C. C. Shattuck, supplies .....	70 59
C. L. Goss, repairs .....	3 00
Geo. H. Clark Co., paint .....	78 70
Hwy. Supt. Assoc., dues .....	2 00
Sandberg Equip. Co., supplies .....	16 18
Walter Killian, jack .....	23 50
Emmott Valley Trans. Co. ....	1 70
Clark-Shaughnessy Co., .....	15 50
Mrs. Frances Morrison, land damage .....	100 00
A. S. Antolini, wrecker service .....	5 00
Ernest Wood .....	15 00
S. H. Wasserman, supplies .....	6 00
H. J. Poirier, welding .....	10 63

Anna Ingham, signs .....	35 00
Ernest Mellen, painting .....	22 00
Wm. H. Casey, Co., supplies .....	11 52
Postage .....	2 00
H. J. Shaughnessy, oil .....	5 57
Dyar Sales & Mach. Co., ram....	30 00
Roland Temple, caps and dynamite	1 69

Total expended .....	\$1,699 93
Unexpended .....	07
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	\$1,700 00

#### BELLINGHAM STREET BRIDGE

Appropriation .....	\$4,000 00
Transferred from Reserve Fund .....	110 56
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	\$4,110 56

#### Expended:

Labor .....	\$1,525 26
Town Equipment .....	130 00
Hired Equipment .....	213 00
Dept. Public Works, license .....	1 00
Phil & Co., boots .....	20 85
N. E. Metal Culvert Co. ....	1,321 04
R. Mattson, bags .....	12 00
E. Pearson, bags .....	2 40
W. Bowen, bags .....	2 40
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., Cement ....	522 14
Curtis's Coal Co., lumber	67 31
H. J. Poirier, gravel .....	110 25
Bellingham Lumber Co. ....	175 91
C. L. Goss, lumber .....	7 00
Total expended .....	<hr/>
	\$4,110 56

## SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation .....		\$6,000 00
Expended:		
Labor .....	\$1,921 35	
Town Equipment .....	1,163 00	
Hired Equipment .....	1,355 00	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co., sand .....	570 24	
Dyar Sales Co., plow blades .....	137 70	
E. F. Edson Co., plow blades .....	21 75	
Upton Fuel Co., salt .....	105 00	
Milford Grain Co., salt .....	210 00	
Seaver's Express .....	1 96	
Rose Machine Shop, labor .....	4 00	
Chemical Corp., salt .....	510 00	
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Total expended .....		\$6,000 00

## CHAPTER 81

Town Appropriation .....	\$ 3,700 00	
State Allotment .....	10,175 00	
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Total .....		\$13,876 00
Expended:		
Labor .....	\$5,160 48	
Town Equipment .....	1,828 45	
Hired Equipment .....	943 18	
H. A. Daniels Co. insurance .....	213 03	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone Co. ....	1,541 06	

Trimount Bituminous		
Products .....	3,315	60
Corbett Concrete Pipe		
Co. ....	31	20
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	82	79
Henry J. Poirier, gravel		
and bits .....	727	05
Roland Temple, blasting	7	10
Wm. H. Casey Store,		
wire .....	25	00
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Total .....		\$13,875 00
Unexpended .....		06
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		\$13,875 00

## CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Town Appropriation .....	\$1,500	00
State Allotment .....	1,500	00
County Allotment .....	1,500	00
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Total .....		\$4,500 00
Expended:		
Labor .....	\$1,155	40
Town Equipment .....	451	40
Hired Equipment .....	504	25
H. A. Daniels Co.,		
insurance .....	35	54
Trimount Bituminous		
Products .....	2,010	40
Rosenfeld Sand &		
Stone Co. ....	312	38
H. J. Poirier .....	2	50
Roland Temple .....	4	56

Corbett Concrete Pipe Co. ....	23 52	
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Total expended .....		\$4,499 95
Unexpended .....		05
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		\$4,500 00

## CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Town Appropriation .....	\$2,000 00
State Allotment .....	4,000 00
County Allotment .....	2,000 00
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Total .....	\$8,000 00

## Expended:

Labor .....	\$1,869 70	
Town Equipment .....	886 00	
Hired Equipment .....	1,967 00	
Henry J. Poirier, gravel and bits .....	2,593 55	
Roland Temple, blasting	12 37	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co. ....	43 68	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	263 89	
Frances Morrison, gravel	193 20	
Ross Bros., fence .....	72 00	
Wm. H. Casey Store, fence .....	25 00	
H. A. Daniels, insurance	73 32	
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Total expended .....	\$7,999 71	
Unexpended .....	29	
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		\$8,000 00



## ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Appropriation from Road	
Machinery Fund .....	\$3,000 00
Transfer December 29, 1952	203 57
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	\$3,203 57

## Expended:

Labor .....	\$ 9 60
Lakeside Garage, repairs	342 75
Scott White Truck Inc.	19 27
Mendon Gulf Station,	
supplies .....	1,089 64
H. A. Daniels Co.,	
insurance .....	114 47
Karl Bright, insurance ....	157 58
Home Nat'l. Bank,	
truck note and interest	1,062 50
O'Grady's Service	
Station, oil .....	125 90
Rosenfeld Garage,	
supplies .....	10 43
Seaver's Express Inc. ....	1 03
Bowker-Hamblin Co. tire	54 70
Jesse F. White, repairs ....	15 00
E. F. Edson Co.,	
supplies .....	4 08
H. J. Poirier, repairs .....	16 50
Fisk-Alden Co., parts ....	4 43
Henley-Kimball Co.,	
parts .....	22 47
Louis Benotti, gas .....	41 34
Vater's Garage,	
inspections .....	1 00
So. Milford Service Sta.	2 20
Perkins-Milton Co.,	
repairs .....	82 18

Mendon Auto Salvage, repairs .....	26 50	
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Total expended .....		\$3,203 57

## ROAD MACHINERY FUND

Balance January 1, 1952 .....	\$5,434 24	
Transferred to Road Machinery Account .....	3,203 57	
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Balance .....		\$2,230 67
Paid to Town Treasurer for use of equipment:		
Chapter 81 .....	\$1,828 45	
Chapter 90 Construction .....	886 00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance .....	451 40	
General Repairs .....	38 00	
Snow Removal .....	1,163 00	
Bridge Project .....	130 00	
Town of Milford, sale of plow .....	300 00	
Miscellaneous revenue ..	37 50	
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Total receipts .....		\$4,834 35
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Balance on hand December 31, 1952 .....		\$7,065 02

## STREET LIGHTING

Appropriation .....		\$684 00
Expended:		
Worc. County Elec. Co.		\$684 00

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE—SALARIES

Appropriation .....		\$45 00
Expended:		
Harold Metcalf .....	\$15 00	
Ernest P. Wood .....	15 00	
John L. Lundvall .....	15 00	
Total expended .....		\$45 00

## PUBLIC WELFARE—TEMPORARY AID

Appropriation .....	\$6,000 00	
Transferred from O. A. A. ....	1,500 00	
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Total .....		\$7,500 00

## (Mendon Settlement)

Two families in own homes	\$775 77	
Four persons in own homes	704 75	
One person in Rest Home	1,465 10	
Two families in other towns	393 30	
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		\$3,338 92

## (Settlement Other Towns)

One person in own home	\$854 00	
Two families in own homes	596 93	
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		1,450 93

## ( No settlement—chargeable to State)

Three families in own homes .....	2,214 26
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## (Disability Assistance)

Two cases in own homes ....	484 15	
United Community Services	10 00	
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Total expended .....	\$7,498 26	
Unexpended .....	1 74	
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		\$7,500 00

## Proportionate share of above expenses:

State of Massachusetts ..	\$2,214 26	
Town of Milford .....	1,271 27	
City of Northampton .....	118 41	
State and Federal share of Disability Assistance	363 11	
Town of Mendon .....	3,531 21	
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		\$7,498 26

## DISABILITY ASSISTANCE—Federal Grant

## Received from Federal Government:

(Direct Aid) .....	\$272 70	
(Administration) .....	6 94	
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Total .....		\$279 64

## Expended:

For Direct Aid .....	\$242 65	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1952 .....	36 99	
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		\$279 64

## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Town Appropriation .....	\$2,000 00
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Received from Federal  
Government:

(Direct Aid) .....	1,841 52
(Administration) .....	37 75

Total .....	<u>3,879 27</u>
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Expended:

For Direct Aid .....	\$2,749 72
Unexpended .....	1,129 55

	<u>\$3,879 27</u>
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Summary:

Federal Govt. Share .....	\$1,354 05
State of Mass. Share ....	916 57
Town of Mendon's Share	479 10

	<u>\$2,749 72</u>
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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Town Appropriation .....	\$16,000 00
Received from Federal Govt. .	23,745 67

	<u>\$39,745 67</u>
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Expended:

For Direct Aid .....	\$31,307 58
Transfer to Board of Public Welfare .....	1,500 00
Transfer to Water Dept.	520 15
Transfer to Heat & Lights—Town Buildings	450 00

Total .....	\$33,777 73
Unexpended .....	5,967 94

	<u>\$39,745 67</u>
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## Summary:

Federal Govt. Share .....	\$14,361 74
State of Massachusetts ..	11,286 58
Due from other Towns	1,911 45
Town of Mendon's Share	3,747 81

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\$31,307 58

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—ADMINISTRATION

Town Appropriation .....	\$750 00
Federal Government .....	707 79

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Total ..... \$1,457 79

## Expended:

Helen F. Irons, Welfare	
Worker .....	\$1,050 00
Cahill's News Agy.	
supplies .....	35 00
Postage .....	36 36
Traveling expense .....	21 54
Hobbs & Warren Inc.,	
supplies .....	4 41

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Total expended ..... \$1,147 31

Unexpended ..... 310 48

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\$1,457 79

## Summary:

Federal Govt. Share .....	\$573 66
Town of Mendon's Share	573 65

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\$1,147 31

## VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation .....	\$500 00	
Expended:		
Aid rendered two families .....	\$302 84	
Unexpended .....	197 16	
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## ADMINISTRATION OF VETERANS' BENEFITS

Appropriation .....	\$100 00	
Expended:		
Harold Metcalf, Agent .....	\$50 00	
Ernest P. Wood, Agent .....	50 00	
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Total expended .....		\$100 00

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Appropriation .....	\$58,352 30	
Dog Tax Refund .....	487 70	
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Total .....		\$58,840 00
Expended: .....	\$58,830 90	
Unexpended .....	9 10	
	<hr/>	\$58,840 00

(For detail of expenditures see School Report)

## VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Appropriation .....	\$1,000 00	
Expended:		
Town of Framingham,		
tuition .....	\$ 13 80	

City of Worcester, tuition	286 42	
Transportation .....	132 65	
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies .....	131 96	
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Total expended .....		\$564 83
Unexpended .....		435 17
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		\$1,000 00

## SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

Appropriation .....		\$2,500 00
Expended:		
Willard Brown, Engineering services .....	\$ 100 00	
Balance Dec. 31, 1952 .....	2,400 00	
	<hr/>	2,500 00

## SPECIAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1952	\$ 479 31	
Revenue from meals .....	4,659 90	
State Reimbursement .....	1,746 77	
From Parent-Teachers Assoc.	25 00	
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Total .....		\$6,910 98
Expended:		
Pay rolls .....	\$1,955 00	
Food supplies .....	4,345 34	
Equipment .....	6 63	
Transportation charges ..	59 24	



Miscellaneous expenses ..	25 64	
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Total expended .....		\$6,391 85
Balance on hand Dec. 31		
1952 .....	519 13	
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		\$6,910 98

## TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation .....	\$700 00	
Transferred from		
Reserve Fund .....	350 00	
Total .....	<hr/>	\$1,050 00

## Expended:

Carlton Goss,		
Labor and Materials....	\$350 00	
American Library Assn.	5 00	
H. W. Wilson Co. ....	11 80	
Barney Coal Co., fuel .....	91 35	
Worc. Co. Elec. Co. ....	11 40	
The Personal Book		
Shop Inc. ....	90 13	
Vestella M. Daniels,		
Librarian .....	300 00	
Gaylord Bros. Inc., supplies	11 90	
J. L. Hammett Co.,		
filing case .....	8 66	
Daniel N. Barnes		
magazine subscriptions	56 43	
Raymond Dudley, janitor	100 00	
Hillside Nursery .....	13 00	
Total expended .....	<hr/>	\$1,049 67
Unexpended .....		33
	<hr/>	\$1,050 00

PARK DEPARTMENT

\$200 00

Total .....	.....	—————	\$1,520 15
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Total expended .....	\$1,520 15
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## SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES

Appropriation .....	\$30 00
Expended:	
Swan Dale Cemetery	
Association .....	\$30 00

## WORCESTER COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM—

## EXPENSE FUND

Appropriation .....	\$731 45
Expended:	
Worcester County Treas.	\$731 45

## MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

Appropriation .....	\$200 00
Expended:	
Sons of Union Veterans	
flags .....	\$8 00
D. C. Ryan, band .....	125 00
Clayton Parkinson, flowers	6 50
Lakeside Flower Shop,	
flowers .....	10 00
C. C. Shattuck, supplies ....	29 75
Roger L. Wood Post, A.L.,	
regalia .....	19 00
Total expended .....	\$198 25
Unexpended .....	1 75
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	\$200 00

## INSURANCE ON TOWN BUILDINGS

Appropriation .....		\$1,800 00
Expended:		
Donald B. Lowell, Agent	\$1,659 59	
Unexpended .....	140 41	
	<hr/>	\$1,800 00

## TOWN REPORTS

Appropriation .....	\$696 00
Expended:	
Uxbridge Printing Co. ....	\$696 00

## RESERVE FUND

Appropriation .....	\$2,000 00
Transfers:	
To Public Library Acc't	\$350 00
To Bellingham St. Bridge	
Project .....	110 56
To Police Room	
Construction .....	200 00
To Election and Regis-	
trations Account .....	46 07
To Water Dept. Maint..	400 00
To Interest Debt .....	3 00
To Town Accountant's	
Expense .....	28 65
To Treasurer's Expense ..	67 70
To Sealer of Wts. &	
Measures Account ....	3 75
To Town Hall Maint. ....	86 30
To Police Department ....	600 00

To Dog Officer Account	16 50	
To Tree Warden Account	75 00	
Total .....	_____	\$1,987.53
Unexpended .....	12 47	
	_____	\$2,000 00

## MATURING DEBT

Appropriation .....		\$4,000 00
Expended:		
School House Addition		
Loan .....	\$1,000 00	
Fire Station Loan .....	2,000 00	
Water Construction Loan	1,000 00	
		\$4,000 00

## INTEREST ON MATURING DEBT

Appropriation .....	\$825 00	
Transferred from Reserve		
Fund .....	3 00	
Total .....	_____	\$828 75
Expended:		
On Fire Station Loan ....	\$300 00	
On Water Construction		
Loan .....	393 75	
On School House Loan ..	135 00	
Total expended .....	_____	\$828 75

## INTEREST ON TEMPORARY LOANS

Appropriation .....		\$200 00
Expended:		
The Home Nat'l Bank		
of Milford .....	\$112 50	
Unexpended .....	87 50	
	_____	\$200 00

# REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

December 31, 1952

## RECEIPTS

### *General Revenue*

#### Taxes:

##### Current Year:

Poll .....	\$ 914 00
Personal Property .....	6,878 92
Real Estate .....	72,835 77
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	11,650 60

##### Previous Years:

Personal Property .....	769 68
Real Estate .....	6,518 92
Motor Vehicle Excise .....	1,714 26

##### From the State:

Corporation Tax .....	7,300 02
Income Tax .....	17,819 10

#### Licenses and permits:

Liquor .....	400 00
All other .....	457 75

#### Grants and Gifts:

##### From Federal Government:

Old Age Assistance .....	14,717 40
Aid to Dependent Children .....	1,081 54
Disability Assistance .....	279 64

##### From State:

School Aid, Chap. 70 .....	2,015 00
Vocational Education .....	191 45

High School Tuition	
and Transportation .....	7,266 90
Union Superintendency .....	1,499 49
Highways, Chapter 81 .....	3,431 00
Inspector of Animals .....	75 00
Meal Tax, Old Age Assistance .....	1,032.60
From County, Dog Licenses .....	487 70
Rent of Fire Tower Land .....	50 00

## Other:

Uncashed checks .....	30 78
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*Commercial Revenue*

Collector, Certification of Municipal Lien	1 00
Town Clerk, sale of Town Annals .....	12 00
Town Hall Rent .....	474 00

## Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Dept., Town Pump damage .....	38 95
Wire Inspections .....	59 00
Sealing Fees .....	22 25

## Health and Sanitation:

State subsidies from Tuberculosis .....	949 14
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## Highways:

Chapter 90 Maintenance, State.....	1,499 98
Chapter 90 Maintenance, County .....	1,499 98
Chapter 90 Construction, State .....	3,999 86
Chapter 90 Construction, County .....	1,999 93
Truck and Machinery Rental .....	4,834 35

## Charities:

Reimbursements from Individuals .....	16 60
Reimbursements from cities and towns	977 24
Aid to Dependent Children, State .....	995 21
Disability Assistance, State .....	29 79
Old Age Assistance, State .....	11,829 71

Old Age Assistance, Cities and Towns	1,004	26
Temporary Aid, State .....	2,285	87
State Sick Poor .....	173	00
Veterans' Services:		
Reimbursement from the State .....	161	79
Schools:		
Tuition, Transportation, State Wards.....	381	99
Tuition, Boston City Wards .....	511	85
Sale of old furniture .....	25	00
School Lunch revenue .....	6,431	67
Library Fines .....	23	36
Water Department Revenue .....	1,613	94
Interest Thayer Cemetery Fund .....	5	00
Interest on Deferred Taxes .....	308	78
Interest, Motor Vehicle Excise .....	26	90
Revenue Anticipation Loan .....	15,000	00
Agency, Trust and Investment:		
Dog License Fees due County .....	596	20
Trust Fund Income .....	84	05
Federal Withholding Taxes .....	5,984	56
Retirement Fund Deductions .....	960	03
Total Receipts for 1952 .....		\$224,234 76
Balance January 1, 1952 .....		38,050 05
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		\$262,284 81

## EXPENDITURES

*General Government*

Moderator's Salary .....	\$	25	00
Selectmen's Salaries .....		550	00
Selectmen's Expense .....		147	63
Town Accountant's Salary .....		400	00
Town Accountant's Expense .....		78	65



Treasurer's Salary .....	700 00
Treasurer's Expense .....	217 70
Collector's Salary .....	925 00
Collector's Expense .....	223 01
Assessors' Salaries .....	700 00
Assessors' Expense .....	207 11
Town Counsel's Salary .....	100 00
Town Counsel's Expense .....	75 00
Town Clerk's Salary .....	200 00
Town Clerk's Expense .....	266 24
Election and Registrations .....	946 07
Clerical Hire for Town Officers .....	300 00
Bonds for Town Officers .....	201 00
Town Hall Maintenance .....	886 30
Record Room Maintenance .....	363 69
Heat and Lights—Town Buildings .....	2,449 59

*Protection of Persons and Property*

Constable's Salary .....	\$ 25 00
Police Department .....	2,585 96
Police Room Construction .....	780 76
Fire Department .....	1,681 55
Wire Inspector's Salary .....	50 00
Sealer of Weights & Measures .....	48 75
Hydrant Rental .....	550 00
Moth Suppression .....	200 00
Elm Beetle Suppression .....	500 00
Tree Warden .....	575 00
Forest Fires .....	497 50
Dog Officer .....	91 50
Civilian Defense .....	71 69

*Health and Sanitation*

Board of Health .....	\$ 1,297 22
Worcester County Hospital .....	3,843 88
Inspector of Animals .....	150 00
Inspector of Slaughtering .....	25 00

*Highways*

General Repairs .....	\$ 1,699 93
Bellingham Street Bridge .....	4,110 56
Highway Machinery Maintenance .....	3,203 57
Snow Removal .....	6,000 00
Chapter 81 .....	13,874 94
Chapter 90 Maintenance .....	4,499 95
Chapter 90 Construction .....	7,999 71
Street Lighting .....	684 00

*Charities*

Public Welfare Salaries .....	\$ 45 00
General Relief .....	7,498 26
Disability Assistance, Federal Grant .....	242 65
Aid to Dependent Children .....	2,749 72
Old Age Assistance .....	31,307 58
Administration of O.A.A., A.D.C. & D.A. ....	1,147 31
Veterans' Benefits .....	302 84
Administration of Veterans' Benefits .....	100 00

*Schools and Library*

School Department .....	\$ 58,830 90
Vocational Education .....	564 83
School Playground .....	100 00
School Lunch Program .....	6,391 85
Taft Public Library .....	1,049 67

*Unclassified*

Park Department .....	\$ 168 20
Memorial Day Celebration .....	198 25
Annuity Fund .....	500 00
Insurance on Town Buildings .....	1,659 59
Worcester County Retirement Expense Fund .....	731 45
Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves .....	30 00
Town Reports .....	696 00
Tax Title Foreclosure .....	8 28

*Public Service Enterprise*

Water Department .....	\$ 1,520 15
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*Interest*

On Temporary Loans .....	\$ 112 50
On Maturing Debt .....	828 75

*Municipal Indebtedness*

Revenue Loan .....	\$ 15,000 00
Payment on Notes .....	4,000 00
State Parks & Reservations .....	252 63

*Agency, Trust and Investment*

County Tax .....	\$ 4,548 93
Dog Licenses for County .....	626 20
Austin Fletcher Library Fund .....	84 05
Federal Withholding Taxes .....	5,984 56
Worcester County Retirement Deductions	960 03
Stabilization Fund .....	5,000 00

*Refunds*

1952 Real Estate Taxes .....	\$ 94 00
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes .....	498 70
Total Expenditures .....	————— \$218,841 34
Cash Balance December 31, 1952	43,443 47
	—————
	\$262,284 81

HELEN F. IRONS,

Town Accountant

# TOWN OF MENDON

Balance Sheet - December 31, 1952

## GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash:		S. B. Taft Library Gift .....	\$76 00
In Bank and Office .....	\$43,443 47	Thayer Cemetery Fund Income	45 06
Accounts Receivable:		Overestimates of 1952:	
Taxes:		Worcester County Hospital	\$374 65
Levy of 1951:		Assessment .....	401 19
Personal Property .....	\$25 00	County Tax .....	775 84
Real Estate .....	398 88	Sale of Real Estate Fund .....	700 00
Levy of 1952:		School Lunch Program .....	519 13
Personal Property .....	610 06	Road Machinery Fund .....	7,065 02
Real Estate .....	5,875 60	Tailings .....	47 16
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		Federal Grants:	
Levy of 1952 .....	795 52	Aid to Dependent Children:	
Tax Titles .....	2,519 25	Administration .....	\$37 75
Departmental:		Old Age Assistance:	
Town Hall .....	\$106 00	Assistance .....	2,984 06
Temporary Aid .....	1,389 68	Administration .....	310 48
Aid to Dependent Children	311 23		

O.A.A. Recovery .....	488 75	Disability Assistance:	
O.A.A. Cities and Towns .....	66 66	Administration .....	6 94
Disability Assistance .....	11 60	Assistance .....	30 05
Veterans' Benefits .....	69 00		3,369.28
	2,442 92	Appropriation Balances:	
Aid to Highways:		Civilian Defense .....	\$63 95
State:		School Playground .....	2,400 00
Chapter 81 .....	6,744 00	Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	2,463 95
Water .....	87 04		3,892 24
Overdrafts:		Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
A.D.C. Federal Grant		Levy of 1951 .....	\$446 35
Assistance .....	1 00	Levy of 1952 .....	578 70
Chapter 81 .....	6,743 94		1,025 05
Underestimates 1952:		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
State Parks and Reservations	16 99	Motor Vehicle and Trailer	
		Excise .....	\$795 52
		Tax Title .....	2,519 25
		Departmental .....	2,442 92
		Water .....	87 04
		Aid to Highways .....	6,744 00
		Surplus Revenue .....	\$12,588 73
			37,136 21
			\$69,703 67

# DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt .....		
	\$34,000 00	Fire Station Loan .....
		Highway Equipment Loan .....
		School Addition Loan .....
		Water Construction Loan .....
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	\$34,000 00	\$10,000 00
		2,000 00
		5,000 00
		17,000 00
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		\$34,000 00

# TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:			
Cash and Securities .....	\$30,801 25	Austin B. Fletcher Library Fund	\$5,234 04
		Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	1,239 02
		Stabilization Fund .....	20,902 37
		Austin Wood Relief Fund .....	1,358 26
		Nathan R. George, Jr. Relief Fund .....	1,244 47
		Anna Ellis Library Fund .....	615 27
		Annie E. Gaskill, Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund .....	103 91
		Jos. Bates, John S. Cox and Jos. S. Cox, Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund .....	103 91
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	\$30,801 25		\$30,801 25

## LIST OF JURORS

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Chester O. Avery	Draftsman	George Street
Gordon R. Good	Machinist	North Avenue
Mildred A. Goss	Housewife	Maple Street
Norman H. Handley	Storekeeper	North Avenue
Alice H. Leonard	Housewife	Providence Street
Donald B. Lowell	Dairyman	North Avenue
Madelaine W. Mann	Housewife	Washington Street
Marjorie Mathewson	Coat Maker	Hartford Ave., West
Margaret G. Morrison	Housewife	Providence Street
Clayton Parkinson	Florist	Hastings Street
Marjorie H. Shattuck	Housewife	Elm Street
Marion G. Stevens	Hat worker	Main Street
Douglas Taylor	Carpenter	George Street
Fern Wagner	Tile Worker	Millville Street
Everett G. Watson	Sales Supervisor	Bates Street
Jesse F. White	Boat Dealer	Uxbridge Road

# REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

## CASH RECEIPTS

JANUARY 1, 1952—DECEMBER 31, 1952

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Cash on hand, January 1, 1952 .....	\$ 38,050 05	
Receipts for year 1952 .....	224,234 76	
		<hr/> \$262,284 81

Paid per Selectmen's Warrants year		
1952 .....	\$ 218,841 34	
Cash balance December 31, 1952 .....	43,443 47	
		<hr/> \$262,284 81

Balance on hand December 31, 1952 ..	\$ 43,443 47
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Balance in The Home National Bank	
of Milford December 31, 1952 .....	\$ 48,611 86

Cash in the hands of Treasurer as of	
December 31, 1952 .....	3,519 27
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	\$ 52,131 13

Less outstanding checks as of December	
31, 1952 .....	8,687 66
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	\$ 43,443 47

See Town Accountant's Report for detail of Receipts and Expenditures)

28 Tax Titles .....	\$ 2,519 25
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## TRUST FUND REPORTS — DECEMBER 31, 1952

## AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND

## Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank .....	\$560 65	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank .....	14 80	
To Cash in Worcester County Institution for Savings .....	771 24	
To Interest received from Worcester County Institution for Savings .....	11 57	
	<hr/>	\$1,358 26

## Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank .....	\$575 45	
By Cash in Worcester County Institution for Savings .....	782 81	
	<hr/>	\$1,358 26

## U. S. DEFENSE BOND

## Dr.

To one U. S. Defense Bond .....	\$1,000 00	
To Interest received on Bond .....	25 00	
To Interest received previous to 1952 and on deposit in The Home National Bank of Milford .....	210 85	
To Interest received from The Home National Bank of Milford .....	3 17	
	<hr/>	\$1,239 02

Cr.

By one U. S. Defense Bond .....	\$1,000 00	
By Cash in The Home National Bank of Milford .....	239 02	
	<hr/>	\$1,239 02

## STABILIZATION FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank .....	\$10,248 00	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank .....	165 08	
To Cash in Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association .....	10,229 17	
To Interest received from Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association .....	260 12	
	<hr/>	\$20,902 37

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank .....	\$10,413 08	
By Cash in Milford Federal Savings and Loan Association .....	10,489 29	
	<hr/>	\$20,902 37

## ANNA ELLIS LIBRARY FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank .....	\$599 45	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank .....	15 82	
	<hr/>	\$615 27

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank .....	\$615 27	
	<hr/>	\$615 27

## NATHAN R. GEORGE, JR. TRUST FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank .....	\$1,212 45	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank .....	32 02	
	<hr/>	\$1,244 47

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank .....	\$1,244 47	
	<hr/>	\$1,244 47

## AUSTIN B. FLETCHER LIBRARY FUND

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank .....	\$5,182 25	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank .....	135 84	
	<hr/>	\$5,318 09

Cr.

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank .....	\$5,234 04	
By two Library Orders .....	84 05	
	<hr/>	\$5,318 09

## ANNIE E. GASKILL LOT — BICKNELL CEMETERY

Dr.

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank .....	\$101 25	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank .....	2 66	
	<hr/>	\$103 91

JOSEPH S. COX, JOSEPH BATES AND JOHN S. COX  
LOTS — BICKNELL CEMETERY

To Cash in Milford Savings Bank .....	\$101 25	
To Interest received from Milford Savings Bank .....	2 66	
	<hr/>	\$103 91

By Cash in Milford Savings Bank .....	\$103 91	
	<u>          </u>	\$103 91

## COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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1952

### 1950 Personal Property Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding an. 1, 1952 .....	\$84 18	
Interest .....	5 64	
	_____	\$89 82

Cr.

Paid Treasurer .....	\$89 82	
Uncollected .....	00	
	_____	\$89 82

### 1950 Real Estate Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1952 .....	\$355 47	
Interest .....	8 95	
	_____	\$364 42

Cr.

Paid Treasurer .....	\$359 82	
Abated .....	4 60	
Uncollected .....	00	
	_____	\$364 42

## 1951 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1952 including		
Taxes committed Jan. 2, 1952 and Jan.		
17, 1952 .....	\$1,890 87	
Correcting error in total of 4th Comm. ..	09	
Interest .....	15 46	
	<hr/>	\$1,906 42

Cr.

Paid Treasurer .....	\$1,729 72	
Abated .....	176 70	
Uncollected .....	00	
	<hr/>	\$1,906 42

## 1951 Personal Property Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1952 .....	763 00	
Interest .....	22 80	
	<hr/>	\$785 80

Cr.

Paid Treasurer .....	\$708 30	
Abated .....	52 50	
Uncollected .....	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$785 80

## 1951 Real Estate Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Outstanding Jan. 1, 1952 .....	\$6,571 93	
Interest .....	210 56	
		<hr/> \$6,782 49

Cr.

Paid Treasurer .....	\$6,378 61	
Abated .....	5 00	
Uncollected .....	398 88	
		<hr/> \$6,782 49

## 1952 Poll Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Committed .....	\$1,088 00	
Interest .....	1 26	
Charges and Fees .....	21 35	
		<hr/> \$1,110 61

Cr.

Paid Treasurer .....	\$936 61	
Abated .....	174 00	
Uncollected .....	00	
		<hr/> \$1,110 61

## 1952 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes

Dr.

Total Taxes Committed .....	\$12,770 57	
Interest .....	11 44	
		<hr/> \$12,782 01

Cr.

Paid Treasurer .....	\$11,662 04	
Abated .....	324 45	
Uncollected .....	795 52	
		<hr/> \$12,782 01

## 1952 Personal Property Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Committed .....	\$7,488 98	
Interest .....	86	
		<hr/> \$7,489 84

Cr.

Paid Treasurer .....	\$6,879 78	
Uncollected .....	610 06	
		<hr/> \$7,489 84

## 1952 Real Estate Taxes

Dr.

Taxes Committed .....	\$80,738 01	
Interest .....	37 36	
		<hr/> \$80,775 37

Cr.

Paid Treasurer .....	\$72,873 13	
Abated .....	1,775 66	
Subsequent Tax Title Credit .....	250 98	
Uncollected .....	5,875 60	
		<hr/> \$80,775 37



## Tax Refunds for 1952

1951 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes .....	\$169 67	
1952 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes .....	329 03	
1952 Real Estate Taxes .....	94 00	
	<hr/>	\$592 70

Dr.

Rackeman, Sawyer and Brewster for

Certificate of Municipal Lien .....	\$1 00	
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Cr.

Paid Treasurer .....	\$1 00	
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Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR P. DALTON

Collector of Taxes

January 1, 1953

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

The Assessors' Recapitulation Sheet and Table of Aggregates  
is given below:

### RECAPITULATION 1952

#### Town Appropriations:

Voted since 1951 Tax Rate		
was fixed .....	\$146,088	20
State Taxes 1952 .....	235	64
County Taxes 1952 .....	11,006	75
Overlay for 1952 .....	2,622	36
Gross Amount to be raised	<hr/>	\$159,952 95
Estimated Receipts .....	\$62,036	28
Available Funds .....	8,770	18
	<hr/>	<hr/> 70,806 46

#### Net amount raised on Polls and

Property Taxes .....		\$89,146 49
542 Poll Taxes at \$2.00 .....	\$1,084	00
Personal Property .....	7,488	98
Real Estate .....	80,573	51
	<hr/>	<hr/> \$89,146 49

### AGGREGATES 1952

Number of Assessments on	
Real Estate .....	695
Number of Assessments on	
Personal Estate .....	78
Number of Polls Assessed .....	542

## Value of Assessed Personal Estate:

Stock-in-trade .....	\$8,200 00
Machinery .....	79,500 00
Livestock .....	65,340 00
All other tangible Personal Prop. ..	6,300 00
Total value of Assessed Personal Estate .....	————— \$159,340 00

## Value of Assessed Real Estate:

Land exclusive of buildings .....	\$347,265 00
Buildings exclusive of land .....	1,367,065 00
Total value of Assessed Real Estate .....	————— 1,714,330 00

Total valuation of Assessed Estate ....	\$1,873,670 00
Tax on Personal Estate .....	\$7,488 98
Tax on Real Estate .....	80,573 51
Tax on Polls .....	1,084 00
Total .....	————— \$89,146 49
Rate of Tax per \$1,000 .....	\$47 00

## Number of Livestock Assessed:

Horses .....	21
Cows .....	552
Other Neat Cattle .....	65
Swine .....	9
Fowl .....	5,680
All other .....	15

## Number of Dwelling

Houses Assessed .....	569
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## Number of Acres of

Land Assessed .....	10,761
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## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Committed to Collector:

Vehicles registered in 1951 .....	\$1,369 65	
Vehicles registered in 1952 .....	12,770 57	
Total .....	—————	\$14,140 22

## MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES ABATED

1951 Taxes .....	\$176 70	
1952 Taxes .....	324 45	
Total abatements .....	—————	\$501 15

## OVERLAY ACCOUNT 1952

1952 Overlay .....	\$2,622 36	
1952 Abatements .....	2,043 66	

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. LOWELL

D. KINSLEY BARNES

CARL M. TAFT

Board of Assessors

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1952

## DOGS LICENSED IN 1952

160 Males at \$2.00 each .....	\$320 00	
27 Females at \$5.00 each .....	135 00	
69 Spayed Females at \$2.00 each .....	138 00	
5 \$10.00 Kennel Licenses .....	50 00	
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		\$643 00
Less Clerk's Fees: 261 licenses at 20c ....		52 20
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Cash paid Town Treasurer as per		
monthly statements .....		\$590 80

Again I must give much credit to our Dog Officer Raymond Miller for his efforts in collecting delinquent dog licenses in 1952.

Attention is called to the fact that all dogs *three* months old or more must be licensed at the Town Clerk's Office on or before April 1, 1953. No bills are sent for this tax, so please co-operate by paying your Dog License promptly. Dog owners should realize that the Dog Refund is added to the General School Fund, and should be more prompt in paying this tax.

## SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED FROM JANUARY 1, 1952 TO DECEMBER 31, 1952

133 Resident Citizen Fishing  
99 Resident Citizen Hunting

86 Resident Citizen Sporting	
30 Resident Citizen Minor Fishing	
43 Resident Citizen Female Fishing	
3 Resident Citizen Trapping	
3 Special Non-resident Fishing	
5 Non-resident Citizen Fishing	
6 Resident Alien Fishing	
1 Non-resident Citizen Hunting	
1 Non-resident Citizen Sporting	
3 Duplicate licenses	
1 Non-resident Military Sporting	
12 Resident Citizen Sporting—Free	
6 Resident Citizen Military—Free	
3 Resident Citizen Fishing—Free	
- Total amount received for licenses .....	\$1,488 00
Less amount retained for fees—411 at 25c.....	102 75
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Amount sent to the Division of Fisheries and	.
Game as per monthly statements .....	\$1,385 25

## BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1952

Date of Birth 1952		Name of Child	Name of Parents with Maiden Name of Mother
Jan.	1	Nancy Maria Tinio	Salvatore and Nancy Mencarelli
	6	Holly Gail Holmes	Edward S. and Mabel Buckland
	24	Jean Mary Nolet	Adelard J. and Jean A. LaBossiere
	24	Joan Mary Nolet	Adelard J. and Jean A. LaBossiere
	25	Dennis Edward Partridge	Robert and Mildred Junkins
Feb.	1	Patricia Agnes Davenport	Dwight J. and Marion A. Gorman
	10	Sherry Ellen Butler	Gordon V. and Dorothy P. Bracci
	21	Sandra Florence Roy	Arthur and Virginia E. Longton
	23	Catherine Anne Roper	Lawrence F. and Theresa C. White
	26	Denise Mary Taylor	Kenneth and Lois Wagner
Mar.	9	Donna Ruth Kearsley	Donald W. and Ruth Dalton
	13	John Michael Magliocca	E. John and Viola M. Brenna
	19	Richard Arthur Robinson	Lawrence and Marjorie Kell
	20	Sandra Kay McCallum	Fred E. and Winsel Hilburn
	25	Theresa Clara Cresia	Nicholas L. and Theresa Merolli
Apr.	28	Vicki Dona Bouchard	Ernest J. A. and Frances Wojnowski
	13	James George Hackenson	Robert H. and Helen Charge
	20	Scott Rawson Phillips	John P. and Stacia Adamski
	28	Billie Jean Simpson	James and Alice Anderson
	29	Melanie Craddock	Hugh and Dorothy Chapin
May	2	Peter Holmes Robinson	John M. and Shirley Holmes
	17	Amy Mather Fitzgerald	Chester F. and Hazel Nelson
	26	Michael Kendrick Flanagan	James P. and Claire Power
	28	Ronald Keith Youngsma	Harvey J. and Anna Berghuis
June	8	Robert Jeffrey Hensel	William T. and Anne T. Bosma
	8	Arthur Douglas Paddock	Arthur F. and Laurita Phipps
	9	Bonnie June Hart	John J. and Margaret Seay
	10	Judith Marie Kraft	Steven S. and Florence Noyes
	10	Linda Jane Auty	William L. and Mary Whitney
July	14	Susan DelSignore	Alfred and Jean Creamer
	19	Edward Allan Gardner	Edward T. and Marilyn Beal
	29	Richard Philip Carlson	Roland L. and Marjorie Boyd
	9	Lorraine Irene Round	Herbert and Pauline Morency
	11	Donna Marie Dudley	Raymond C. and Martha Thompson
Aug.	11	John Francis Kloth	Victor V. and Adele Monnier
	27	Rodney Oliver Rondeau	Edward J. and Jane A. Hetherington
Sept.	1	Louis Andrew Wiersma	Arthur A. and Mary A. Venhuizen
Oct.	1	Larry Peter Wiersma	Harry and Ethel Roorda
	5	Barbara Lee Bennett	Robert H. and Marjorie Bowen
	11	Beverly Jeanne Rondeau	William and Ellen Simmons
	16	Mary Louise Gaskill	John and Dorothy Murray
	24	Stephen George Daige	George A. Jr. and Gladys L. Care
Nov.	13	James Richard Vander Sluis	Robert and Elizabeth Heerd
Dec.	6	Victoria Maria Benotti	Louis W. and E. Louise Morey
	12	Paul Andrew Kempton	Donald and Shirley Wright
	18	Bruce Douglas Harding	Phillip and Beverly Taft

## MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1952

Date of Marriage 1952	Place of Marriage	Names	Residence
Jan. 5	Milford, Mass.	Earle W. Gaskill Margaret A. McCracken Gaskill	Mendon Milford
Feb. 2	Barnstable, Mass.	Henry A. Marsolini Maude E. Stusee Coe	Mendon Mendon
14	Worcester	Merrill R. Bracci, Jr. Carman Segovia	Mendon San Antonio, Texas
Mar. 27	Northbridge	Dale Wayne Kuiper Gertrude Oppewal	Grand Rapids, Mich. Mendon
Apr. 19	Milford	Paul Peter Rossetti Gertrude Ann Doherty	Mendon Milford
May 3	Hopedale	Herbert Lee Johnson Margaret Catherine Desmarais	Hopkinton Mendon
10	Worcester	Ernest S. Thomas Mary Louise Lebaire	Mendon Worcester
10	Milford	Charles C. Salvia Helen M. Auty	Milford Mendon
24	Brighton	Edward J. Gray Rose M. Petersen	Mendon Boston
June 21	Hopedale	John J. Pagnelli Irene A. Rossetti	Milford Mendon
21	Mendon	John S. Hogarth, Jr. Gloria Mae Mantoni	Mendon Mendon
July 13	Mendon	Robert M. Adams Florence S. Adams	Uxbridge Uxbridge
Aug. 9	Mendon	Terrance D. Munhall Lucille Slotnick	Mendon Norfolk, Mass.
Sept. 1	Hopedale	Leonel U. Geoffroy Doris H. Martin	Pawtucket, R. I. Mendon
12	Mendon	Arthur W. Jones Doris I. Stanley	Uxbridge West Stockbridge
Oct. 4	Hopedale	Edmond Boisvert Cecile Lamothe	Woonsocket, R. I. Mendon
10	Uxbridge	William L. Hutchinson Grace Wood Gaskell	Mendon Mendon
Nov. 8	Mendon	Ralph A. Green Ruth L. T. Whitcomb	Spencer, Mass. Northbridge



# DEATHS REGISTERED IN 1952

Date of Death 1952	Name	Y	Age M	D	Cause of Death
Jan.	Primo F. Bonati	59	6	0	Pulmonary Infarction
	Andrew C. Henry	85	0	0	Coronary Occlusion
	Dale Colby		1	4	Polycystic Kidneys
Feb.	Silas Henry Dudley	42	7	9	Cancer of Lung and Lymphatic Gland
	William F. Logee	74	11	4	Coronary Thrombosis
	Edward Wilson	75	6	3	Cerebral Hemorrhage
	Eva H. Wilkinson	75	1	1	Generalized Arteriosclerosis
	George F. Simmons	62	6	2	Diverticula of sigmoid
Mar.	Marion Lancour	52	0	0	Cancer of bladder
June	Daniel Morrison	85	0	21	Cerebral hemorrhage
	Nina Marion Burr	61	9	29	Carcinoma of left adrenal
	Lillian M. Irons	77	9	0	Arterio sclerotic Heart Disease
July	John F. Kerkhof	49	4	15	Coronary Thrombosis
Aug.	Henry F. Campbell	32	3	18	Coronary Occlusion
	James C. Cram	67	0	0	Cerebral Hemorrhage
	Louis R. Hickmott	78	6	6	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease
	Joanna Grace Lowell	80	4	5	Myocardial Infarction
	Lester E. Hodgkins	53	11	24	Coronary Thrombosis
Sept.	Ellen C. Barry	92	1	7	Generalized Arteriosclerosis
	Lynan H. Sweet	84	0	13	Coronary Thrombosis
Nov.	Almira W. Lilley	73	7	4	Coronary Thrombosis

Parents and others are requested to carefully examine the above lists and if any errors or omissions are discovered report them at once to the town clerk, that the record may be corrected, as it is of importance that the records of Vital Statistics should be complete.

#### GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 46, SECTION 6.

Parents, within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his house, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born \* \* \*

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#### REASONS WHY BIRTHS SHOULD BE RECORDED

To establish identity.

To prove nationality.

To prove legitimacy.

To show when the child has the right to enter school.

To show when the child has the right to seek employment under the child labor law.

To establish the right of inheritance to property.

To establish liability to military duty, as well as exemption therefrom.

To establish age and citizenship in order to vote.

To qualify to hold title to, and to buy or sell real estate.

To establish the right to hold public office.

To prove the age at which the marriage contract may be entered into.

To prove age to determine validity of a contract entered into by an alleged minor.

To prove age for Old Age Assistance.

To prove age so as to have the right to take Civil Service Examinations.

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Parents be sure to record the birth of your child with given name in full.

Your co-operation to the end that all births may be properly recorded will be greatly appreciated.

Parents will please return the supplemental birth report sent them by the Clerk, even though they have received one from the Clerk of the town in which the child was born. The corrections are not forwarded to the Mendon Town Clerk.

Blanks for the return of all Vital records can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT S. COLEMAN,

Town Clerk.

## REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

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December 31, 1952

To the Selectmen of Mendon,

Gentlemen:

The Fire Department answered 26 alarms in 1952.

5 Chimney Fires	1 Garage Fire
3 Oil burner Fires	2 Smoke Scares
2 Dwelling Fires	1 False Alarm

1 call, when wires were crossed between light pole and house causing short circuit. 11 Fires set by boys Fourth of July and Halloween.

Pumped out ten wells; pumped water at Bellingham St. while Highway Department made and filled forms at new bridge. Pumped water into steam boiler during dry spell.

After answering 2 alarms October 22 and 5 October 23, it was decided to put five men on at the Fire Station every night until Halloween. This proved to be worth while. Where as it cost the Town twenty-five dollars each night for eight nights and four alarms were answered, it was not as expensive as the fifty-eight dollars it cost October 23rd to answer five alarms.

The Firemen held the "night-before-the-fourth" parade and entertainment which was well attended. The soap box derby was omitted this year for lack of interest.

The Firemen decorated the Fire Station and played Christmas carols over a loud speaker, and with the Grange lit the tree on Founders Park at Christmas.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL,

Fire Chief.

The Forest Fire Department answered 16 alarms in 1952, burning approximately 11 acres of grass and 4 acres of brush. Six were started from incinerators, one from chimney, three from burning rubbish, one from glass jug, one roadside fire, one set by boys and three started from Town Dump.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL,

Fire Warden.

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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1952

Complaints received and answered .....	182
Accidents investigated .....	34
Persons injured .....	21
Persons admitted to Hospital .....	12
Arrests made .....	12
Summons issued .....	19
Summons served .....	10
Warrants issued .....	16
Warrants served .....	6
Summons served for out of Town Police .....	14
Warrants served for out of Town Police .....	3
Hours patrolling .....	1194
Miles covered patrolling .....	2788
Miles covered patrolling with School Bus .....	422
Hours patrolling with School Bus .....	31
Stolen cars recovered .....	3
Stolen bicycles recovered .....	2
Breaking and entering cases investigated .....	17
Court cases .....	19

Bicycles inspected .....	132
Bicycle plates issued .....	64
Motor vehicle transfer forms issued .....	59

The complaints that were received and answered this past year were more than double those of 1951.

There was a decrease in accidents, being 34 as compared to 47 the previous year. This reduction was due to the patrolling of the highways during the busy weekends and holidays, as recommended by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, Rudolph F. King.

The Registry of Motor Vehicles suspended 46 licenses and issued 32 warning letters as recommended by me during the year. There were 129 motor vehicle violations reported.

My recommendations for the coming year would be to have an Officer on duty every evening from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. during the Summer months. This would tend to reduce the speeding which was the cause of 60% of the accidents. And 90% of the accidents occurred during these hours. This arrangement would also tend to eliminate some of the petty larceny which might occur. Furthermore, the Officer on duty would be able to spot fires and be available for traffic duty in connection therewith, should the need arise. A system could be arranged whereby the Chief of Police or any Officer of this department would know where to find the Officer on duty, and direct him to any disturbance or accident that might occur.

This is the first year that the Police Department has had rooms for its use. These were made available with the permission of the Selectmen to use a lower portion of the Town Hall. The Finance Committee approved the sum of six hundred

dollars for the renovation of this part of the building for the Police Department. At the annual Town Meeting, the voters very generously appropriated this amount, making it possible to proceed with the plans for a Police Station.

We now have two rooms completed and a third one partially done. All of the Officers donated their time in order to accomplish this work and many local contractors donated material. Later in the year, the Finance Committee transferred the sum of two hundred dollars from the Reserve Fund. This was used for toilet facilities in the room that is not yet completed. With a small appropriation to complete this other room, we will have a Police Station that will be an asset to the Town and of which the Police Department may feel very proud. The public is invited to inspect these rooms at any time there is an Officer on duty.

At the present time the Station is open from seven until nine every evening. The Officers that are on duty during these hours are giving their time. This donated time amounts to a yearly saving to the Town of \$910.00. Many townspeople have taken advantage of these hours in which to obtain Motor Vehicle Transfer forms, accident reports, license forms etc.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee for their cooperation. Also many thanks go to Carlton L. Goss, E. L. Sabatinelli and Sons, Rosenfeld Sand and Stone Co., and all others who donated time and material, making it possible to have this Station.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD C. BARROWS,

Chief of Police



## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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Scales under 100 lbs., 10 at 50c .....	\$5 00	
Scales over 100 lbs., 2 at \$1.00 .....	2 00	
Gasolene Pumps, 10 at \$1.00 .....	10 00	
Grease Pumps, 5 at \$1.00 .....	5 00	
Kerosene Pumps, 1 at 25c .....	25	
	<hr style="width: 10%; display: inline-block;"/>	\$22 25

Fees and adjusting charges authorized by Section 56 G.L.  
Ch. 98 as amended by Ch. 34, Acts of 1949.

I have collected \$22.25 for sealing fees and have turned  
this amount over to the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. MILLER,

Scaler

## REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

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I hereby submit a list of the deceased Dogs and Cats disposed of by me during 1952:

Feb. 10, Millville Street, 1 Dog .....	\$2 00
Feb. 18, Hartford Ave., East 1 Dog .....	2 00
March 30, Uxbridge Road, 1 Cat .....	2 00
April 6, Washington Street, 1 Cat .....	2 00
April 18, Providence Street, 1 Cat .....	2 00
June 12, Milford Street, 1 Dog .....	2 00
Aug. 24 George Street, 1 Cat .....	2 00
Oct. 21, Blackstone Street, 1 Cat .....	2 00
Oct. 27, Hartford Ave., West, 1 Cat .....	2 00
Oct. 28, Hartford Ave., West, 1 Cat .....	2 00
Nov. 3, Hartford Ave., West, 4 Cats .....	2 00
	<hr style="width: 20%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> \$22 00

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND A. MILLER,

Dog Officer

## REPORT OF WIRING INSPECTOR

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Number of certificates issued .....	40
Value of Certificates issued .....	\$82 00

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer \$82.00 for electrical inspections.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER J. CHANNING,

Inspector of Wires

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## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

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To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report of work done on the Town roads during 1952.

### Chapter 81

There were 22,850 gallons of tar and asphalt applied to roads under this Chapter and 941 yards of gravel applied to the dirt roads.

Part of North Avenue, from the High School to the Blood property, was honed and improved very much. Main Street was also honed and improved from the Monument to George Street.

The bad corner on Pleasant Street near Asylum Street was cut back, making it more passable for the school bus and also better for the removal of snow. Considerable ledge was removed from Thornton Street; some ledge was also removed on Powers Road.

Brush was cut on all Chapter 81 roads.

#### Chapter 90 Maintenance

13,861 gallons of oil and tar were applied on these roads. About 300 feet of new drainage was installed on North Avenue, and some large trees which were too near the road were removed. This work has eliminated a very icy spot at this point. 4,000 feet of road was also honed on North Avenue.

Brush was cut on all Chapter 90 Roads.

#### Chapter 90 Construction

New construction was on Providence Street. The bad corner near the residence of Walter Yanski was cut back considerably. We used 4,911 yards of gravel and fill in this cut. There was also 96 feet of new drainage installed.

#### Bellingham Street Bridge

This project was completed except for the top cover of asphalt. It is necessary for the road to settle until Spring because of the deep gravel fill. We used about 35 yards of concrete in the construction of this bridge, which was built to specifications called for by the State Highway Engineers.

The new construction for 1953 will start at the residence of Dr. Ashkins and continue to the Clough residence, connecting with the North end of the work done during 1952.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Townspeople and the State and County Engineers for their cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. BOWEN,

Highway Surveyor

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## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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The East Mendon Water System which has been in use in that section of the Town since the latter part of 1947, has a total of 48 takers receiving service and 11 hydrants available. There will be additional services installed as of 1953.

These additional services will make a substantial increase in water revenue for the Town as well as revenue from property taxes.

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT G. WATSON

FRANKLIN E. GOODNOW

DONATO F. LEONE

Water Commissioners

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The Trustees of the Taft Public Library submit the report of the Librarian, Financial Report, and Trustees' Report for the year ending December 31, 1952.

The death of Miss Nina Burr, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, occurred June 8, 1952. Miss Burr had been a member of the Board of Trustees for several years and had served as chairman since 1950. She was very much interested in the work of the Library and had been of great assistance, especially in the selection of books. Her place and contribution to library business will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Vestella M. Daniels has been appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve as a member of the Trustees.

By means of funds received from a transfer from the emergency account, very necessary repairs have been made in the tower of the library building. The tower roof has been shingled and a metal covering has been installed in the open platform section of the tower, together with repairs to the railing and flashing.

By vote of the Town at a special town meeting held December 29, 1952 a motion was carried to accept a gift of five hundred dollars from Mrs. Emma Kinsley in memory of her

husband, Mr. Frederic M. Kinsley, and to use the funds for the improvement of the Library. The Trustees plan to install a new system of lighting throughout the building.

Your attention is called to the report of the Librarian, Mrs. Vestella M. Daniels. The Trustees and the patrons of the Library appreciate the sincere and earnest service of Mrs. Daniels and her assistants.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. CLOUGH,  
Secretary  
Trustees Taft Public Library

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## 1952 LIBRARY REPORT

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To the Trustees of Taft Public Library:

The circulation for the year (100 days) was 4,400: the largest number given out in one day, 94; the average, 44. Circulation by classes was as follows:—Fiction, 2,029; Juvenile, 1,281; Magazines, 520; Biography, 195; Travel, 64; History, 72; Literature, 38; Fine Arts, 50; Science and all others, 151.

New books added to the Library by the Town, 60 and by the Fletcher Fund, 35; making a total of 95. Also, 43 books were given to the Library, for which grateful appreciation goes to Mrs. Mabel Griffin, Mrs. Viola Barnes, Mrs. E. C. Nelson, Mrs. George Smith, Miss Jane Avery, Mrs. Stella Robinson and Mrs.

Edna Brown. Books withdrawn for the Library because worn out or obsolete number 200; leaving approximately 10,615 volumes in the Library.

The following magazines are available at the Library; American, American Home, Atlantic Monthly, Better Homes and Gardens, Boys Life, Colliers, Good Housekeeping, Ladies Home Journal, Life, McCalls, National Geographic, Popular Mechanics, Readers Digest, Red Book, Saturday Evening Post, Time and Womans Home Companion. Fines collected during the year amounted to \$23.36, which was turned over to the Town Treasurer.

Miss Jane Avery and Miss Barbara Rogers have been high school assistants this year. Miss Avery conducted the Story Hour in August. National Art Week was observed with an Exhibition of Drawings from the elementary grades arranged by Miss Jane Coleman, Art Supervisor.

VESTELLA M. DANIELS,

Librarian



# ANNUAL REPORT

of the

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

and

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

of the

## TOWN OF MENDON

## MASSACHUSETTS

for the

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1952

# SCHOOL DIRECTORY 1952-1953

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Gordon R. Good, Chairman .....	Term Expires 1954
Richard F. Harding .....	Term Expires 1955
Herbert F. Bowen, Secretary .....	Term Expires 1953

Regular meetings are held at the Center School building on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 P. M.

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS—PERCY L. ROWE, B. S. E., Ed. M.

The Superintendent may be met every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Mendon High School building or by appointment.

Office—Center School, Bellingham Center

Office Hours—4:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. on School days.

Telephone, Milford 787-M4

## SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Donald Allain, M.D. .... Telephone, Milford 1851-W

## SCHOOL NURSE

Grace Moran ..... Milford District Nursing Association

## SCHOOL CUSTODIAN

Raymond Barrows ..... Mendon, Mass.

## TRANSPORTATION AGENTS

Harold C. Barrows ..... Mendon, Mass.

Jesse F. White ..... Mendon, Mass.

# ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Harold C. Barrows ..... Mendon, Mass.

## TEACHERS

Name	Subject or Grade	Preparation	Degree or Years	Years in Town
Henry P. Clough, Principal	Algebra, French	Dartmouth College and	B.S.	Twenty-fifth
Raymond F. Biedrzycki	Geometry, Geography	New Hampshire University	Ed.M.	
Mary C. McCormack	Mathematics, Science	Rhode Island State	B.S.	Seventh
Mildred White	Commercial Ed.	Regis College	B.S.	Eighth
	Home Economics			
Doris O'Neill	Social Science	Framingham State Tea.	B.S.E.	First
Virginia Mayo	English, Latin	Worcester State Tea.	B.S.E.	Fifth
Rita Bishop	Grade 6	Bridgewater State Tea.	B.S.E.	Ninth
Dorothy L. Stanas	Grade 5	Framingham State Tea.	Two	Second
Helen Jacques	Grade 4	Worcester State Tea.	B.S.E.	Third
Grace Hutchinson	Grade 3	Lyndon State Tea.	B.S.	First
Bertha Hammann	Grade 2	Framingham State Tea.	Two	Fourteenth
	Grade 1	Rhode Island College	Two and one-half	Seventh
Louise Benotti (Resigned)	Home Economics	Simmons College	B.S.	Fifth
	Social Science			
Barbara Seaver (Resigned)	Grade 3	Framingham State Tea.	B.S.E.	Seventh
SUPERVISORS				
Christine Wilson	Music	N. E. Conservatory of Music	Diploma 3 Years	Fifth
William L. Rinehart	Handwriting	University of Pittsburgh	M.A.	Fifth
E. Jane Coleman	Art, Mechanical Drawing	Mass. School of Art	B.S.E.	First

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PERIOD

JANUARY, 1953 TO JUNE, 1954

HIGH SCHOOL

Open January 5, 1953, Close February 20, 1953

Open March 2, 1953, Close April 17, 1953

Open April 27, 1953, Close June 19, 1953

SUMMER VACATION

Open September 9, 1953, Close December 23, 1953

Open January 4, 1954, Close February 19, 1954

Open March 1, 1954, Close April 16, 1954

Open April 26, 1954, Close June 25, 1954

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Same as High School except:

Close June 12, 1953

Close June 18, 1954

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Columbus Day Observance, October 12, 1953

Armistice Day Observance, November 11, 1953

Thanksgiving Recess, November 26-27, 1953

## AGE OF ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

Any child who becomes six years of age on or before January first of the year following the term when he wishes to enter school may be admitted into the first grade, but in every case the admission of a child under six shall be dependent upon the fitness of the child to profit by the work of the school, such fitness to be determined by the superintendent. Pupils under seven years of age who have not previously attended school shall not be permitted to enter later than thirty days after the opening of school in September of any school year.

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## SCHOOL REGULATIONS

Any complaint or representation which any person desires to make shall be presented or referred in writing to the superintendent of schools, who, in his discretion may bring it before the school committee. In cases of discipline or other school matters relating to their children, parents shall first discuss the matter with the teacher concerned. If for some reason they are not satisfied they will further discuss the matter with the following persons, if necessary, and in the following order: first, the principal of the building and then the superintendent of schools. If, finally, the superintendent has been unable to satisfy the parents, he shall report the case to the school committee for consideration and action.

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## THE NO SCHOOL SIGNAL

It is the policy of the school officials to practically abandon the use of the "no school" signal on account of weather condition. This is in line with what many other cities and towns are doing. The reasons for so doing are that much confusion has

resulted from the use of the "no school" signal, and the realization that the loss of even one school day is a very serious one.

However, there may be days when it is advisable to close schools on account of severe weather conditions or any other emergency.

Arrangements have been made with Radio Stations WNAC, WBZ and WWON to broadcast the fact whenever it is necessary to close the schools. The "no school" signals are usually given before, during or immediately after the news program. The siren will also blow three blasts twice at 7:30 A. M.

If schools do not close on any particularly bad day (rain, snow, or cold) parents are requested, and urged, to use their own judgment in sending their children to school.

## SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

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### RECEIPTS

General Appropriation .....	\$58,352 30	
Dog Tax, 1952 .....	487 70	
Total Receipts .....	—————	\$58,840 00
Total Expenditures .....	\$58,830 90	
Unexpended Balance .....		9 10

### REIMBURSEMENTS

State Aid .....	\$14,083 46	
Superintendent: Salary-Transportation ..	7,266 90	
All School Transportation .....	1,499 49	
Boston City Wards .....	511 85	
Sale of Old Chairs .....	25 00	
Vocational Education .....	191 45	
Total Reimbursements .....	—————	\$23,578 15

### TAXATION COST OF SCHOOLS

Total Expenditures .....	\$58,830 90	
Reimbursements .....	23,578 15	
Net Cost by Taxation .....	—————	\$35,252 75

### EXPENDITURES

School Committee Expense .....	\$ 40 50	
Superintendent's Salary .....	2,479 92	
Superintendent's Expense .....	301 20	
Supervisors' Salaries .....	1,233 20	
Teachers' Salaries .....	31,554 79	

Textbooks .....	1,126	41
School Supplies .....	1,379	92
Wages of Janitor .....	2,599	92
Fuel .....	1,731	44
Janitor's Supplies .....	760	66
Telephones .....	184	20
Electricity .....	414	18
Labor .....	150	25
Advertising .....	28	13
Police Protection .....	7	50
Commissioner of Public Safety .....	5	00
Replacements .....	661	90
Trash Removal .....	60	25
Repairs .....	3,041	07
Library .....	29	55
Health .....	496	37
Transportation .....	9,471	76
New Equipment .....	1,011	77
School Lunch Program .....	61	01
Total Expenditures .....	————— \$58,830 90	



## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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A large part of our tax dollar is spent in educating our children. The majority of the townspeople, we are sure, feel that this is as it should be. They believe that money spent in this way is an excellent investment.

You will find improvements to the school building and equipment outlined in the report of the superintendent of schools. In addition to this, arrangements have been made for erection of posts with basketball goal-net combinations on the site of the tennis courts to supplement our playground equipment.

An art teacher has been added to our teaching staff. Instruction in art appreciation and art as a means of self expression has been lacking during previous years in our otherwise well-rounded elementary school program. Mechanical drawing as an elective is now provided for our high school program.

After 21 years of faithful service, Mr. Raymond Barrows has found it necessary to retire from his position as school custodian.

We appreciate the excellent and faithful work of our superintendent of schools, principal, and teaching staff in maintaining a high standard of instruction.

We are also grateful to you, the townspeople, for your support and co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON R. GOOD  
RICHARD HARDING  
HERBERT BOWEN

Mendon School Committee



VII	B	3	8	1	2					14			
	G		4	3							7	21	
VIII	B		1	5	3	4				13			
	G		3	5			1				9	22	
IX	B			3	4	3	2			12			
	G			4	10	1	1				16	28	
X	B				2	4	1			7			
	G					6	1				7	14	
XI	B					1	2			3			
	G					4	10	2			16	19	
XII	B						8	1		9			
	G						4	4			8	17	
Totals .....		7	33	28	38	40	39	27	16	23	23	169	334
Boys .....		5	19	13	18	19	24	13	9	11	12	169	
Girls .....		2	14	15	20	21	15	14	7	12	11		165

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the School Committee of Mendon:

Gentlemen:

It is with pleasure that I submit for your consideration my tenth Annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

During the year there were two changes in the teaching staff. Resignations from Mrs. Louise Benotti and Miss Barbara Seaver were received. Both of these capable teachers have been with us for several years. The School Committee appointed Mrs. Mildred White, of Franklin, to replace Mrs. Benotti in the Home Economics Department, and Mrs. Helen Jacques, of Blackstone, to succeed Miss Seaver in grade three. These new teachers are doing excellent work and are a splendid addition to our faculty. One additional part-time teacher, Miss E. Jane Coleman, was also engaged to teach art and drawing.

The school enrollment figures are steadily but not too rapidly increasing. On October 1, 1952 there were 256 pupils in the elementary school grades, one to eight, and 78 in the high school, a total of 334. This is the largest number ever to attend. In 1951, the total enrollment was 327, but this included some 12-15 pupils whose fathers were temporarily employed in installing gas pipe lines. These pupils are no longer with us. The following table shows the total enrollment, as of October 1, over a ten year period:

Year	Enrollment	Increase
1943.....	284	
1944.....	262	

1945.....	249	
1946.....	247	
1947.....	249.....	2
1948.....	249.....	0
1949.....	259.....	10
1950.....	297.....	38
1951.....	327.....	30
1952.....	334.....	7

The enrollment by grades can be determined by consulting the Age-Grade-Enrollment Chart which is included in the School Department Report. For the years 1945-1948, inclusive, the school population remained about the same. It will be noted that from 1949 on, there has been an increase each year, with a total of 85 more pupils than there were in 1948. In 1950, and again in 1951, there were substantial increases. The birth rate over a six-year period is as follows:

Year	Number of Births
1947.....	28
1948.....	37
1949.....	28
1950.....	41
1951.....	41
1952.....	45

Total attendance next September will probably be about 350. With the increased number of new homes and an expanding birth rate the school enrollment will have a tendency to increase each year. This condition must be carefully observed in order that we have classroom space enough for all children.

Excellent progress has been made in the regular school program. Our teaching staff is doing a fine job in all subjects in the curriculum. Many new textbooks have been purchased and an ample supply of all the materials and supplies necessary for good instruction have been obtained and used. There has been

a further revision in our reading system in order that this important subject be made more interesting and adaptable to children in the primary grades. English, reading and allied subjects are particularly stressed at all times. Several of our teachers have taken courses in the field of education. Our work in handwriting, under the direction of Mr. William L. Rinehart and his staff, has been maintained on a high level. The progress in music, under the able direction of Miss Wilson, Music Supervisor, has been excellent indeed. An art program, under the direction of Miss E. J. Coleman, was inaugurated in September. Special projects and activities are used to make all school subjects more interesting.

The School Department has been considering engaging an art supervisor for some time. This year we were very fortunate in obtaining Miss E. J. Coleman, of Mendon, a graduate of the Massachusetts School of Art, for this position. Miss Coleman works on a part-time basis, one day a week, the same as our Music supervisor. She had several years teaching experience before joining our faculty. She teaches Mechanical drawing in the high school and art and drawing in the elementary grades. This is a real step forward in our educational program, and fulfills a long-felt need.

A regional all day conference of all elementary teachers in this area was held in Franklin in April. Teachers attended from Mendon, Bellingham, Hopedale, Blackstone, Millville, Franklin, Medway, and Wrentham. The conference was under the direction and supervision of Miss O'Rouke, Supervisor of Elementary Education in the State Department of Education, and the superintendents of schools in the towns which participated. Both general and sectional meetings were held in which all teachers could take part. The new curriculum guide for elementary schools was discussed at length, as well as other problems and questions relating to elementary school education. This conference proved very helpful to all teachers.

American Education was observed during the week of November 11-17. Special topics were discussed each school day. An "open house" was held on Wednesday evening of that week. All faculty members were present and in their classrooms. Many parents visited various rooms and had an opportunity to talk with the teachers about their children's educational progress. There were exhibits of the classroom work of each pupil. This activity was very successful as it gave many parents, who might not otherwise have had the chance to do so, an opportunity to discuss with the teachers problems pertaining to their children. Parents are cordially invited to visit the school and classes at any time.

The school lunch program has continued functioning in a fine manner. Mrs. Edna Brown, the very capable manager of the cafeteria for several years, resigned in October. The School Committee appointed Mrs. Louise Dautrich to succeed Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Dautrich has taken over this very important position with excellent results. The hot school lunch program is one of the necessary activities of a well-rounded school program. The work of various members of the Parent-Teacher Association in giving their time in assisting and preparing the daily hot lunches is deeply appreciated by all.

Late in May a visiting and registration day was held for children who planned to enter school in September for the first time. A large number of parents of entering first grade children came to school, registered their children, and then visited the first grade. This project was quite successful. Next May a similar registration and visiting day will be planned. It is very important that all entering first grade children in September of 1953 be registered at that time. It gives the School Department a much better idea of how to plan for this most important class. It also saves a great deal of time on the opening day of School in September. Entering first grade pupils must be 6 years of age on or before January 1, 1954 in order to be admitted to Grade One.

The annual registration of all minors in town between the ages of 5 and 16 was taken in October. The results are shown in the following table:

#### DISTRIBUTION OF MINORS

	5 years or over and under 7	7 years or over and under 16
Boys .....	32	147
Girls .....	19	133
Totals .....	51	280
In public school membership ....	36	264
In private school membership ..	2	15
Not enrolled in any school .....	13	1
Totals .....	51	280

For the past few years the school building has been kept in excellent condition, making any major repairs unnecessary. We hope this policy will continue. In addition to regular routine repairs, such as plumbing, heating, and electrical work, the following has been accomplished:

Some interior painting

Floor repairs

New cork bulletin boards—first and second  
floor corridors

New sewing machine of most modern type

New typewriters

New Rex-O-Graph (duplicating machine)



New chairs—commercial room

New outside incinerator

New outside drinking fountain

New classroom shades

Repairs to water pump

Desks sanded and refinished

New studio couch

Among the more important repair items for next year the following should be considered: repair floor first grade room, painting, and changes in heating system in order that two classrooms on cold side of building may be more quickly and easily kept up to proper classroom temperature.

In closing I wish to express to you my sincere thanks for your efforts in making the year a most successful one. The assistance and cooperation of the Principal, Mr. Clough, the teachers, supervisors, school physician, school nurse, townspeople, parents, and pupils are also deeply appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY L. ROWE,

Superintendent of Schools

## REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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To Mr. Percy L. Rowe,

Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit the annual report of Mendon High and Center School for the year ending December 31, 1952.

The enrollment figures based on school membership on December 15, 1952 show a total enrollment almost exactly equal to that of last year. Although registration figures are no larger at the present time than those of last year, they show that there has been a substantial increase in the number of permanent pupils in school. One year ago there were numerous temporarily enrolled pupils belonging to families of pipeline employees. This year there are none.

School membership December 15, 1952: Grade One-37; Grade Two-32; Grade Three-27; Grade Four-42; Grade Five-40; Grade Six-29; Grade Seven-21; Grade Eight-20; Grade Nine-27; Grade Ten-14; Grade Eleven-19; Grade Twelve-17.

The graduation exercises of the Class of 1952 were held June 18, 1952 at the Unitarian Church. The list of graduates is as follows: Lucille J. Auclair, Richard Bethel, Barbara A. Closson, Jeanne C. Lamothe, Maurice H. Lamothe, Frederick Oppewal, Beverly J. Rocks, Cecile M. Rondeau, Shirley M. Steere, Barbara A. Tadakowsky, Earl F. Thomas, Loraine P. Wills, Frances A. York.

Shirley M. Steere attained the highest scholastic record for the four years of high school work, and Lucille J. Auclair second highest honors. The winner of the Alumni Medal presented by the Mendon High School Alumni Association was Shirley M. Steere. The Good Citizenship Medal and Certificate were awarded to Lucille J. Auclair. Maurice H. Lamothe was the winner of the American Legion Medal presented by the Roger L. Wood Post of the American Legion for outstanding qualities of character, leadership, and good citizenship.

Earl F. Thomas was elected by members of Mendon High School to represent Mendon during the activities of Good Government Day at the State House. Wayne F. Wagner and Iris B. Rogers were chosen as representatives at Boys' State and Girls' State respectively, held in June under the auspices of the American Legion and Legion Auxiliary.

Prize Speaking was held at Mendon Town Hall April 18, 1952. The following pupils took advantage of the opportunities afforded by this exercise: Marilyn R. Chick, Janet M. Parkinson, George W. Phipps, Iris B. Rogers, Justine A. Southwick, Sandra G. Southwick, Bruce A. Thomas, Wayne F. Wagner. First Prize was awarded to Wayne F. Wagner, Second Prize to Iris B. Rogers, and Third Prize to Justine A. Southwick. Several pupils later participated in a regional speech contest.

The annual senior play was presented at the Mendon Town Hall on December 5, 1952. A large well trained cast under the direction of Mrs. Doris O'Neill presented the three act comedy, "Tattletale", with great success. On March 7, 1952 a school minstrel show was ably presented at the Town Hall under the direction of Miss Christine Wilson, Supervisor of Music.

The addition of Miss E. Jane Coleman, Supervisor of Art, to the teaching staff has made possible the development of art and drawing classes throughout the grades. A class in mechanical drawing has been started on an elective basis in High school.

In connection with the observance of American Education Week, an open house evening was held November 12 ,1952 at the Center School. Samples of class papers and a variety of written exercises were on display at the desks of pupils. Teachers were available in their rooms for conferences with parents.

The Class of 1952 made the customary trip to Washington during the week of spring vacation in April. Except for a few years during the war, this trip has been a feature of the senior year's program over a long period of time. Under present regulations, each pupil now contributes approximately two thirds the cost of the trip. The balance is raised through entertainments, sales campaigns, and card parties. For the support which the community gives, each senior class has a really significant debt of gratitude.

The school lunchroom and cafeteria began its sixth year of operation in September. It continues to supply a plentiful and well balanced meal at very reasonable prices to school pupils. Mrs. Edna Brown, Manager of the lunchroom since its beginning, submitted her resignation in October. Mrs. Louise Dautrich, Assistant Manager, has accepted the position of Manager, and Mrs. Theresa Wright has been named Assistant. The generous contribution of time and effort on the part of a number of co-operative mothers and friends of the School continues to be a most important factor in the successful operation of the project.

Parents are urged to visit school and to confer with teachers and principal whenever questions and problems arise. It is the wish of the school staff to cooperate as fully as possible with the home.

In conclusion, I wish to express sincere appreciation for the assistance and cooperation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Percy L. Rowe, the School Committee, the Mendon Parent Teacher Association, and the townspeople of Mendon.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. CLOUGH, Principal

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

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January 5, 1953

Percy L. Rowe, Superintendent of Schools  
Mendon School Department  
Mendon, Mass.

Dear Mr. Rowe:

The toxoid clinic was held at the Mendon High School starting March 18th and closed May 13, 1952.

16 children received the three protective doses of triple antigen.

10 children received the three protective doses of double antigen.

59 children received the booster dose.

The annual physical examinations of the pupils of Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 were done in the fall and the following defects were found:

The number examined — 154

Enlarged tonsils .....	11
Wax in ears .....	4
Ear infection .....	1
Heart murmur .....	1

On the whole the physical condition of the group was extremely good.

Yours truly,

DONALD ALLAIN, M.D.

School Physician

## SCHOOL NURSE'S ANNUAL REPORT

1952

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Mr. Percy L. Rowe,  
Superintendent of Schools:

May we submit to you the Annual School Nursing Report for the year ending December 1952.

Mendon School was visited Tuesday of each week when school was in session.

Registration was held at Mendon School on May 23rd, with the nurse assisting.

The State Department has now recommended that vision and hearing tests be done every other year; also, that pupils of Grades 1-4-7-10 have a complete physical each year by the school physician.

In the early part of the year we had a mild chicken-pox epidemic; and in the spring a measles epidemic. Many children were absent during these periods. Colds, sore throats, and grippe were also prevalent at intervals throughout the year.

All children were weighed and measured twice during the year. Dr. Allain, school physician, assisted by the nurse, has completed the physical examinations of all pupils present in Grades 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9.

The following defects were found amongst the children examined by Dr. Allain:

Enlarged tonsils .....	11
Wax in ears .....	4
Ear infection .....	1
Heart murmur .....	1

Triple and double antigen clinics were held in Mendon School March 18th, April 15th and May 13th. The details of the clinic will be given in Dr. Allain's report.

The following is a summary of the work done by the nurse in her visits to the school:

1. Inspection of pupils .....	776
2. Pupils inspected for disease .....	60
3. Pupils recommended for exclusion .....	17
4. Pupils and nurse conferences .....	222
5. Pupils treated for minor injuries .....	64
6. Nurse and teacher conferences .....	245
7. Home visits .....	36

In closing, may we thank Dr. Allain, Mr. Rowe, the school committee, and the principal and teachers of the Mendon School for their courtesy and cooperation.

GRACE MORAN,

Supervisor of Nurses



## MUSIC SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

My dear Mr. Rowe,

Music is only one of the many media for teaching. Although we, as music educators, are not expected to make musicians out of all the children in school, we are expected to add to their pleasure and to their mental growth as they go through the process known as formal education. Actually, the aim of education through music, is to teach for appreciation of music. Television and radio are having a vital effect on influencing the musical tastes of students and it is no easy matter gearing the school music programs to cultivate tastes for intelligent and critical out-of-school listening and "viewing." There are exasperations disillusionments galore such as—being told that "hill-billy" music, accompanied by the guitar, "beats opera anyday;" or teaching scale progressions when Junior High boys can think of other things more interesting, or trying to be diplomatic when some members of the chorus repeatedly forget that the vowel and not the consonant makes the tone for singing, and that singing the phrase is one of the most important things in performance. Speaking of performance, it seems that youngsters rarely do their best at functions for the public. I think this is due, primarily, to self-consciousness, which has many forms, fear of a high note; fear of forgetting either the words or music; fear of what the audience will think of him; or "thousands" of other fears, any of which will work havoc on the performer. However, teaching

music has its recompenses, too. It is pretty gratifying to have a youngster, who boastfully dislikes music, request that a certain song be sung by the class; or to have the chorus pour a wealth of feeling into the interpretation of a choral piece such as "The Lord's Prayer"; or to have some apathetic child who seemingly neither likes nor dislikes anything, get a perfect mark in a music quiz.

In order to stimulate interest in part-singing in the intermediate grades, it is necessary to employ several teaching techniques. Usually the class warms immediately to a familiar round such as "Row Row Row Your Boat." Sometimes we introduce harmony to a familiar melody by having the teacher sing alto while the class sings melody, or if a piano is accessible, use a harmonic background in accompaniment. Eventually through singing and listening, the children decide that singing in harmony offers more satisfaction than unison singing. I like unaccompanied singing because in a cappella chorus, the voice alone must carry the burden of expression, making the child conscious of tone, harmonics, and dynamics.

I am most grateful, here in Mendon, for the cooperation of teachers who feel that music is not a waste of valuable school time and who give it equal consideration with other subjects in the curriculum. To them, and to you, Mr. Rowe, and to all connected with the school system, I extend my sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTINE M. WILSON,

Supervisor of Music Education

## REPORT OF ART SUPERVISOR

To Mr. Percy L. Rowe  
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Rowe,

It has been most interesting to note the development of the creative ability of the boys and girls in the Mendon school. Since September, they have had the opportunity of illustrating events of their everyday lives as well as illustrating stories which they have read. There has also been an opportunity for them to use cut paper in Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas projects. Water-colors have been introduced in the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades.

Outstanding work is displayed weekly on the new bulletin boards which have been erected in the first floor corridor. During National Art Week in November, an exhibit of pupils' work was held at the Taft Public Library.

In the high school, the basic rules of Mechanical Drawing procedure have been introduced and students have become familiar with making working drawings, geometrical construction and isometric drawing.

It's the aim to have children use as many media as possible in their art experiences but present school facilities are inadequate for attempting some projects. It is hoped that through their art experiences, the pupils will have gained an ability to recognize and appreciate beauty in the world around them.

In closing, I wish to thank you, Mr. Rowe, the School Committee, and the principal and teachers of the Mendon school for their sincere interest and fine co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

E. JANE COLEMAN,

Supervisor of Art

## PRIZE SPEAKING CONTEST

MENDON TOWN HALL—APRIL 18, 1952

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A Gentleman Farmer .....	Carlson
Justine A. Southwick	
Exit the Big Bad Wolf .....	McMahon
Bruce A. Thomas	
Sixteen .....	Daly
Janet M. Parkinson	
The Dance .....	Mexican Folk Tune
Grade Six Chorus	
Sorry, Wrong Number .....	Ullman
Maureen A. Smith	
An Underhand Pass .....	Black
Wayne F. Wagner	
Penny .....	Black
Sandra G. Southwick	
Three Jovial Welshmen .....	English Folk Tune
Grade Six Chorus	
Danny's Little Tin Soldier .....	Black
Iris B. Rogers	
Fires At Valley Forge .....	Clark
George W. Phipps	
Laugh, Clown, Laugh .....	Antwerp
Marilyn R. Chick	
Island of My Desire .....	Filipino Folk Tune
Grade Six Chorus	
Decision of Judges	

GRADUATION EXERCISES  
OF  
MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1952

UNITARIAN CHURCH

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Processional—Pomp and Circumstance ..... Elgar  
Mrs. Bertha B. Rogers

Invocation  
Rev. Truman L. Hayes

Salutatory and Essay—What About Communism?  
Lucille J. Auclair

Song—This Is My Country ..... Jacobs  
High School Chorus

Essay—The American Red Cross  
Beverly J. Rocks

Essay—The Rehabilitation of Harold Russell  
Maurice Lamothe

Essay—A Tribute  
Earl F. Thomas

Song—Vilia ..... Lehar  
High School Chorus

Essay—Our Peace Organization  
Frances A. York

Essay—Massachusetts  
Richard Bethel

Essay and Valedictory—Mass. State Government

Shirley M. Steere

Song—The Lord's Prayer ..... Malotte

High School Chorus

Diploma and Award Presentation

Mr. Gordon R. Good

Chairman of School Committee

Star Spangled Banner

Benediction

Rev. Truman L. Hayes

Recessional—Grand Triumphal March ..... Guilmant

Reception—Mendon Town Hall

## GRADUATES OF MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

### CLASS OF 1952

Lucille J. Auclair

Richard Bethel

Barbara A. Closson

Jeanne C. Lamothe

Maurice H. Lamothe

Frederick Oppewal

Beverly J. Rocks

Cecile M. Rondeau

Shirley M. Steere

Barbara A. Tadakowsky

Earl F. Thomas

Loraine P. Wills

Frances A. York

## TOWN WARRANT

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### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, ss.

*TO THE CONSTABLE of the TOWN of MENDON in the  
COUNTY of WORCESTER, Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the  
TOWN HALL

in said Mendon on MONDAY the SECOND day of MARCH  
A.D. 1953 punctually at 9:00 o'clock A.M., to act on

#### Article 1.

Article 2 and all following Articles on this Warrant will be acted upon Friday the sixth day of March at 7:00 P.M.

Article 1. To bring in their ballots for the following Town Officers:

- One Moderator for one year;
- One Town Clerk for one year;
- One Selectman for three years;
- One Assessor for three years;
- One Town Treasurer for one year;
- One Constable for one year;
- One Tree Warden for one year;
- One Trustee of the Taft Public Library for  
two years;

One Trustee of the Taft Public Library for one year;

One Member of the School Committee for three years;

One Park Commissioner for three years;

One Highway surveyor for one year;

One Water Commissioner for three years;

all on one ballot, designating the office intended for each person.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

Article 3. To chose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town expenses for the financial year beginning January 1, 1953.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1953 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for the period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the improvement and repairs of highways, to be expended under the direction of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works as provided under Chapter 81 of the General Laws as amended, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money for the operation and repairs of Town machinery, a part



or whole to be taken from the Road Machinery Fund, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum of money for the maintenance of Chapter 90 Roads, said money to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State and County for this purpose, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum of money for Chapter 90 New Construction provided the State and County will contribute for such work under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Article 10. To see what action the Town will take regarding any legal proceedings that may be brought against or by the Town.

Article 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell any or all real estate owned by the Town by reason of the foreclosure of Tax Title thereon and to execute, acknowledge and deliver a proper deed or deeds therefor, authority therefor to terminate March 4, 1954 or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the dog license refund from the Worcester County in 1953 to be used for general school expenses in 1953, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000. from available funds to the Stabilization Fund, as defined in Chapter 124, Acts of 1945 of the General Laws of Massachusetts, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for Civilian Defense or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to complete the renovation of the Police Station or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to change the location of Bates Street, now to begin at the residence of Minnie F. Thayer continuing to the Bellingham town line near the residence of William R. Bowen; and to rename that portion of Route 140 from the Hopedale town line to the Bellingham Town line, "Cape Road," or take any action in relation to same.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650.00 for re-roofing one side of the Town Hall, replace rain gutter, and make any necessary repairs, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Available Funds in the treasury, the sum of \$10,000. to liquidate the outstanding Fire Station loan on notes due 1953 to 1957 inclusive.

Article 19. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$4,000. for the purchase of a tractor and special equipment, the whole to be taken from the Road Machinery Fund, or take any action in relation to the same.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to have four street lights installed on North Avenue from the intersection of Founders Park and Route 16 to the proposed St. Michael's Church, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. for fire hose, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 624, Acts of 1952, relative to increasing the amounts of pensions,

retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to abandon a section of Providence Street near the residence of Walter Yanski, approximately between Stations 32 and 42, or take any action in relation to same.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000. for the enlargement of the present well at the Town Hall, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400. for alterations of the drainage system on Main Street near the residence of Smith Steere to alleviate the situation now existing near the home of Shelley Vincent, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500. for alteration of the drainage system on Blackstone and Emerson Streets, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500. for a catch basin and drainage system near the residence of Willard Kinnecombe on Washington Street, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.) to supplement the twenty-five hundred dollars appropriated in 1952 for the improvement of the athletic field at the Center School, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to abandon a section of road between Hartford Avenue West, near the resi-

dence of Donald Kearsley and Route 16, formerly known as Uxbridge Road, or take any action in relation to same.

POLLS WILL CLOSE AT 6:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up an attested copy thereof at the Post Office in said Mendon and causing a copy to be published once in the Milford Daily News, a newspaper published in Milford, Mass., both said posting and publication to be at least seven days before the time of the meeting hereby ordered to be held.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of said town before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Mendon, this Ninth day of February A.D. 1953.

JOHN L. LUNDVALL

ERNEST P. WOOD

HAROLD METCALF

Selectmen of Mendon

A true copy, attest:

HAROLD C. BARROWS,

Constable of Mendon

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

## Article 4.

	1952	1952	1953
	Appropriations	Transfers	Expenditures - Recommendation
Moderator's Salary .....	\$25 00	.....	\$25 00
Selectmen's Salaries .....	550 00	.....	700 00
Selectmen's Expense .....	150 00	.....	150 00
Treasurer's Salary .....	700 00	.....	700 00
Treasurer's Expense .....	150 00	\$67 70	200 00
Town Accountant's Salary .....	400 00	.....	400 00
Town Accountant's Expense .....	50 00	28 65	75 00
Town Clerk's Salary .....	200 00	.....	200 00
Town Clerk's Expense .....	500 00	.....	500 00
Tax Collector's Salary .....	925 00	.....	925 00
Tax Collector's Expense .....	225 00	.....	225 00
Assessors' Salaries .....	700 00	.....	700 00
Assessors' Expense .....	300 00	.....	300 00
Elections & Registrations .....	900 00	46 07	600 00
Town Counsel's Salary .....	100 00	.....	100 00
Town Counsel's Expense .....	75 00	.....	75 00
Clerical Hire for Town Officers .....	300 00	.....	300 00
Town Officers' Bonds .....	201 00	.....	265 00

	1952	1952	1953
	Appropriations	Transfers	Expenditures—Recommendation
Town Hall Maintenance .....	800 00	86 30	886 30 900 00
Record Room Maintenance .....	380 00	.....	363 69 350 00
Heat & Lights—Town Buildings.....	2,000 00	450 00	2,449 59 3,000 00
Constable's Salary .....	25 00	.....	25 00 25 00
Police Department .....	\$2,000 00	\$600 00	\$2,585 96 \$3,000 00
Fire Department .....	1,685 00	.....	1,681 55 2,000 00
Forest Fire Department .....	500 00	.....	497 50 500 00
Hydrant Rental .....	550 00	.....	550 00 550 00
Dog Officer .....	75 00	16 50	91 50 100 00
Sealer of Weights and Measures .....	45 00	3 75	48 75 50 00
Board of Health .....	1,700 00	.....	1,297 22 1,700 00
Tree Warden .....	500 00	75 00	575 00 750 00
Elm Bettle Suppression .....	500 00	.....	500 00 500 00
Moth Suppression .....	200 00	.....	200 00 200 00
Inspector of Animals .....	150 00	.....	150 00 150 00
Inspector of Slaughtering .....	25 00	.....	25 00 25 00
Wiring Inspector Salary .....	50 00	.....	50 00 80 00
General Repairs .....	1,700 00	.....	1,699 93 2,000 00
Snow Removal .....	6,000 00	.....	6,000 00 6,000 00

Street Lighting .....	684 00	.....	684 00	744 00
Public Welfare Salaries .....	45 00	.....	45 00	45 00
Public Welfare, Temporary Aid .....	6,000 00	1,500 00	7,498 26	6,000 00
Aid to Dependent Children .....	2,000 00	.....	907 20	2,000 00
Old Age Assistance .....	16,000 00	.....	10,545 97	16,000 00
Old Age Assistance Administration .....	750 00	.....	750 00	750 00
Veterans' Benefits .....	500 00	.....	302 84	500 00
School Department .....	58,352 30	487 70	58,830 90	60,449 16
Taft Public Library .....	700 00	350 00	1,049 67	810 00
Vocational Education .....	1,000 00	.....	564 83	1,000 00
Adm. of Veterans' Benefits .....	100 00	.....	100 00	100 00
Water Dept. Maint. ....	600 00	920 15	1,520 15	750 00
Soldier's and Sailor's Graves .....	30 00	.....	30 00	30 00
Park Department .....	200 00	.....	168 20	200 00
Memorial Day Celebration .....	200 00	.....	198 25	200 00
Insurance on Town Bldgs. ....	1,800 00	.....	1,659 59	1,400 00
Town Reports .....	696 00	.....	696 00	600 00
Reserve Fund .....	2,000 00	.....	1,987 53	2,000 00
Maturing Debt .....	4,000 00	.....	4,000 00	4,000 00
Interest on Maturing Debt .....	825 75	3 00	828 75	733 75
Interest on Temporary Loans .....	200 00	.....	112 50	200 00
Tax Title Foreclosure .....	50 00	.....	8 25	50 00
Worcester County Ret. Expense Fund .....	731 45	.....	731 45	839 00

## 1953 RECOMMENDATIONS

Article	6.	\$3,700 00
"	7.	\$3,000 00
"	8.	\$1,500 00
"	9.	\$2,000 00
"	12.	Approved
"	13.	Approved
"	14.	\$ 250 00
"	15.	\$ 200 00
"	17.	\$ 650 00
"	18.	\$8,000 00
"	19.	Approved
"	20.	Approved
"	21.	Approved
"	24.	Approved
"	25.	\$ 400 00
"	26.	\$2,500 00
"	28.	Not Approved

LEE P. McFARLAND  
 FRANKLIN E. GOODNOW  
 ROY A. BARROWS



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